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WEDNESDAY APRIL 10
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Polling Hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

EMPLOYERS are kindly requested to afford facilities to all voting employees to go to the polling stations and should circularise their staffs accordingly.

CAR OWNERS. Owners of chauffeur-driven cars willing to loan their cars for the purpose of bringing in voters should communicate with the undermentioned office giving day and hours the car may be retained. Owner driven cars with owners able to devote time to this work should also communicate the time and day they can place at the disposal of the Committee.

VOTERS are again reminded that it is essential for ALL REGISTERED VOTERS to cast their votes. The British and American Election Committees advise you to vote ONLY for the SEVEN official British and American Candidates and not to cast any votes for the Japanese or independent candidates.

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P.T.H. ANNUAL SPORTS

The Public and Thomas Hanbury School for Boys will hold the 32nd Annual Athletic Meeting at Kiaochow Park on Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12, commencing at 2 p.m. each day.

All friends of the school are welcome.

If wet, the Meeting will be postponed to April 18 and 19.
11915

THE COUNTRY HOSPITAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Surcharge added to the total of Patients' Bills will be increased to 50% as from April 15, 1940.

This increase has become necessary owing to the high cost of all commodities and essential services.

By Order,
Board of Governors,
THE COUNTRY HOSPITAL.
April 8, 1940.
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS.
April 8, 1940. 11900

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To-day's Events

APRIL

9 A.W.C. 'Appetizers,' Mrs. Morris, 4
9 Divine Wind (Japanese aircraft) reached Croydon (1937)
9 NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.

Coming Events

APRIL

10 B.U.S.C. visit to Telephone Co. Fukien Road, 5.30
10 Municipal Election
10 Signals Coy., S.V.C., Supper Dance
10 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 For. Y. Team Debate—"Co-education"
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
11 Royal Asiatic Society: Lecture
11 Municipal Election
11 Limbless Jumble Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
11 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Concert Prof. Porgé, Princess Leüchtenberg, F. Adler, A.W.C. 9
12 For. Y. Evening of music—Arranged by Prof. S.S. Aksakov.
12 Shanghai Engineers' Club, Smoking Concert, 8.45
12 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 Shai. Ladies' Hockey Assn. Dinner Dance, Masonic Hall, 9
14 Municipal Orchestra Concert Lyc., 5.15
15 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
16 Lester Chinese Hospital mtg., 145 Shantung Rd., 5.30
16 Tuesday Evening Club, 7.30
16 L. Rosen's 30th Jubilee Gala, 'Fire Goddess,' Lt. Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
16 A.W.C. 'Sketching,' Mrs. Dunlap, 4.30
17 Ratepayers' Mtg, Race Club Stand, 2.30
17 M. Paci and his 3 Pupils (Pianists) 4 Piano-Concertos with Orchestra, Lyceum, 9.15
18 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
18 Asiatic and Indian Dances by Slavina-Brown and Indira-Devi, Lyc., 9.15
20 Cathedral Boy's Sch., Athletic Sports. Sports Gd., Keswick Road, 2.15
20 Concert Shanghai American School, 8.30
20 Amer. School Orchestra, AVLA 8.30, 1st Concert. Maestro: Prof. Porgé
23 A.W.C. Music Dept. Programme 4.30
25 Royal Asiatic Society—Cinema
25 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, S.I.B.C., 3
26 Soc. Chart. Accountants ann. dinner, Shanghai Club.
29 Song Recital, Lisa Robitchek, with F. Adler, H. Margolinski, A.W.C., 9
30 A.W.C. Bridge/Mahjongg, 3

MAY

4 Re-opening, Roof Garden, Mascot, Hongkew
4 Cathedral Boys School. Old English fair.
7 Hungarian Relief Assoc., Bridge/Mahjongg, For. Y., 2.30

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THE CENTRAL NAVAL ACADEMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR NEW CADETS

Notice is hereby given that the second annual entrance examination for new cadets will be held on April 18 and 19. Apart from oral and physical examinations, Chinese literature, history and geography of East Asia, mathematics (arithmetic, geometry, algebra), physics, and foreign languages (Japanese or English) are the other subjects on which written examinations will be given. Those who wish to take the examination must be graduates of junior middle-school or those who have received education of same standard. The ages are between 17 and 22.

Cadets will be trained for two years. During the training period they will be paid $12 monthly and furnished living quarters with board. After graduation cadets will be sent on board training ships as midshipmen, drawing a monthly salary of $60. After six months or one year, they will be appointed by the Government as ensigns of the new navy that lead to the highest rank of admirals. It is also a scheme of the school that prominent cadets of good character and talent be sent to Japanese Naval School for advanced study, at Government expense.

The registration for the above will be closed on April 17. Volunteers are requested to register their names as soon as possible. Particulars and forms of registration will be supplied on application.

THE PRINCIPAL

Lungwha Road, Nantao,
Shanghai, April 8, 1940.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, to declare a final dividend, to elect a Director and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 10 to April 15, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, April 3, 1940.
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NOTICE

Dr. P. S. KAWAGUCHI, D. C., Ph. C.
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The Wing On Company Federal Inc., U.S.A. has also declared a dividend of $1 Chinese National Currency per share which has been received by the Liquidator and the same is payable on application to the Liquidator at the places and times above stated.

Upon applying for the above shares and for payment of the above mentioned Dividend, the share certificate (s) and dividend book (s) of The Wing On Company (Shanghai) Limited must be produced.

WILLIAM GOCKSON,
Liquidator.

Shanghai, April 9, 1940. 11918

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are hereby informed that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Club on Thursday April 25, 1940 at 6 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,
ALAN WHEEN,
Secretary.
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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Meteorological Reports	Apr. 7 16.00	Apr. 7 21.00	Apr. 8 4.00	Apr. 8 9.00
Barometer inches	29.89	29.95	29.93	29.95
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.28	—0.22	—0.13	—0.11
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	—0.17	—0.11	+0.04	0.00
Wind (direction)	WSW	WSW	SW	SW
„ (miles per hour)	12.4	9.9	7.4	13.7
Temperature (Fahr.)	70.°5	57.°7	54.°1	63.°3
Humidity %	62	73	83	66
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	8	0	7	8
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report April 7	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.99	—0.24	30.04
Temp. Min. 41.°0 Max. 75.°2	58.°1	+9.°9	53.°6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	10.74	—	8.31

Time and Tide	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4	13/4	14/4	15/4
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.33	5.32	5.30	5.29	5.28	5.27	5.26
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.18	18.19	18.20	18.20	18.21	18.21	18.22
Moon rises at Shanghai	6.17	6.54	7.36	8.21	9.11	10.04	11.01
Moon sets at Shanghai	19.38	20.31	21.26	22.19	23.12	—	0.02
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	11.34	11.55	12.07	12.32	13.04	13.59	15.20
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	16.40	17.04	17.36	6.00	6.26	7.00	7.50
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	13.14	13.39	14.05	14.28	14.59	15.49	16.54
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	9.70	9.30	9.05	9.00	8.67	7.89	7.22

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

TUESDAY, April 9.	Reg.	Ord.
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Wenchow	*20.00	8.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	8.30	9.00
Tinghai and Shenklamen via Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Ninghsien etc.	9.30	10.00
Swatow and Hongkong	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez	10.00	12.00
Hongkong and Canton	11.30	12.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Japan via Kobe	19.30	20.00
WEDNESDAY, April 10.		
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai .	*20.00	8.00
Hongkong	9.30	10.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong A	—	—
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
THURSDAY, April 11.		
Hongkong and Haiphong .. x	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila Java Ports ..... BX	10.00	11.00
Amoy Hongkong Canton .. x	10.30	11.00
Hongkong and Haiphong ..	10.30	11.00
Japan H'lulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific .. cx	17.00	19.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 10th.
B Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 10th.
C Parcel mail for Honolulu and U.S.A., closes at 16.00 on 11th.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on April 11, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due London on April 24.

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on April 11, at 10 a.m. for registered and 11 a.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on April 23.

Air France per steamer on April 11, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary.

Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong. Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 9.45 a.m. and 12.00 at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 9.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Hwaining Kiukiang and Hankow for Shanghai-Hankow Air Line daily at 10.30 p.m.

Canton per Shanghai-Canton Air Line close at 8.30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai at hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday Min. 56.0 Max. 79.0
Same date, 1939 Min. 40.5 Max. 65.0
Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—
Yesterday Min. 49.5 Max. 79.5
Same date, 1939 Min. 37.4 Max. 68.5

State on the morning of the 7th:—Normal and steady pressure over China, Korea and Japan. South-westerly winds to the north of the Saddles. Cloudy and fine weather in China.

State on the morning of the 8th:—Fine weather. South-westerly breezes. Pressure rather low and steady.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine, colder and still sandy weather over North China and the Yellow Sea. Fine to cloudy and hazy with westerly to northerly moderating winds and decreasing temperature over our regions. Cloudy and moderate winds from the Southern quadrant over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

Post Office Notices Continued

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Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Wuhu, Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe and U.S.S.R. via Siberia close on every Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. for registered and on every Tuesday and Friday at 8 a.m. for ordinary and are despatched per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—

Per steamer via Suez, on April 9.
Per steamer via Pacific, on April 11.
Per steamer via Suez, on April 14.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Finnish War Fund
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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S.M.C. Elections:

A Candidate's Statement

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I trespass upon the space in your correspondence columns once more in order to correct some wrong impressions that might be gained by the Shanghai electorate through MR. W. HANAWA's statement regarding his platform in connection with the forthcoming election for members of the Council of the International Settlement which appeared in your and other local newspapers on Sunday, April 7?

MR. HANAWA's opening remark in his statement advocates the reform of the International Settlement into a model self-governing body through international co-operation. Is not this exactly what the International Settlement of Shanghai has always been ever since the British gave up their former exclusive control of what is now the most important business section of this city and allowed it to be turned into an internationally-controlled Settlement? What else has it been? It is ridiculous for MR. HANAWA to make such a statement. It indicates that he is ignorant of the true history of Shanghai and suggests that he is no fit person to participate in the government of the Settlement.

If the nationals of countries other than British, American and Japanese have not been on the Council, it is because they have failed to offer themselves for election. A few years ago when Mr. Bahnson, a Dane, offered himself for election, he was elected by a big vote, defeating several British candidates. The following year he did not offer himself for election, and no other non-British candidate came forward to take his place. If one had done so, he would undoubtedly have been elected.

Does MR. HANAWA want to know why in recent years the British have seen to it that they had five representatives on the Council? It is because ever since 1932 the Japanese have wanted to dominate the Council and so secure control of the International Settlement. It is the sheerest humbug for MR. HANAWA or any other of the Japanese candidates to pretend that their aim is to ensure international control of the Settlement, and nobody is fooled by their pretensions. If the Japanese are so keen on international control of the Settlement why do they put up five candidates, who, if they got elected, swamp all those of other nationality?

Another statement of MR. HANAWA calls for comment. He says he wishes to give every individual residing in this city "a right to express his own opinions." Fine! Is that why the Japanese have during the past two or three days been interfering with Radio Station XMHA, over which Mr. Carroll Alcott broadcasts three times daily? Do the Japanese really believe in allowing individuals free expression of their views? If so, why was Mr. Saito expelled from the Japanese Diet and from his own political party for expressing his opinion? Also why was Mr. James Young imprisoned and tried by a Japanese Court for telling the truth about what Japan has been doing in China? Answer these questions, MR. HANAWA.

We know what will happen to our liberties in Shanghai if five Japanese get elected on the Council at the forthcoming poll, and do not intend to allow this to happen if we can help it.

OBSERVER.

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

The Council Defended

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—To begin with I must say that I am not authorised to speak for anyone but myself.

Having been in semi-professional business for 34 years in Shanghai uninterruptedly and having come in contact with thousands of people of many different nationalities, I made the observation that there is no antagonism of people on account of nationality and when there is animosity it is due to political propaganda.

It seems to me unfortunate that nationality should even be mentioned with regard to a purely local problem: the administration of Shanghai. Shanghai is probably the most international city in existence. Shanghai has prospered because it has been administered on supernational lines, with equal opportunities for all, by a body of experienced businessmen.

Shanghai has been fortunate because it did not have to waste money on salaries of highly-paid diplomatic, consular, military and naval representatives and their expensive staffs.

Shanghai's productive activity, trade, transportation and banking has been handled by businessmen without Government interference and therefore effectively.

Give opposing national politics a chance and we shall have the same mess we see wherever people are induced to fight each other instead to co-operate as we have done in Shanghai in the past.

Those who are blaming Shanghai's Administration for the present difficulties are barking up the wrong tree.

Until the so-called Japanese incident started we had comparatively stable currency and general conditions were not bad at all. As soon as the destructive forces of military might got into action the trouble began. As in every war, material wealth is being wasted, reserves used up, productive activity and trade restricted. All this and the resulting deterioration of currency has caused the present deplorable state of affairs. But Shanghai's Municipal Administration can not be blamed for that.

It seems to me a very dangerous experiment to upset or change Shanghai's Administration, as existing at present, at this particular time whatever may be the mistakes that have been made.

I have a high regard for the good class of Japanese businessmen but am inclined to believe than the political agitation is not their doing nor to their liking.

My principal object for writing however is to draw attention to the possibility of overcoming some of the Council's financial difficulties mentioned in the excellent report explaining the necessity of rate increase published in the "N.C.D.N." of April 6. Without going into detail I will pick out two items which are a heavy burden on the Administration's finances: education and prisoners.

Let those who are so eager on national representation take care of their own requirements in this regard as is done per example by the German community and in a similar way by the American Association.

The Germans have a system of voluntary income tax which provides funds for the German school, church, library, a small town club and social relief. I am sure they would be willing to pay for board and lodging of German prisoners if any.

If all other nationalities, including Chinese, Japanese and Russians would take care and pay for their own cultural requirements (church, schools and prison), the Municipal Administration would hardly have any financial difficulties.

If further everyone in Shanghai would contribute to the cost of administration in proportion, not to the house rent he pays, but to his *ability* to pay, there would be ample funds.

The trouble is that so many rich people enjoy living in Shanghai on account of low taxation. Some living in hotels, etc., contribute nothing at all for the priviledge of living in Shanghai.

The Council can not enforce an income tax, that must be left to the national organizations to arrange, not by force but as an honorary obligation. Those who are able to pay ought to contribute voluntarily a reasonable amount of their income. The Council would then have sufficient funds to pay for the cost of administration without being forced into debts.

Other sources of income, such as a lottery (many churches have been built or finished with the aid of funds raised by lotteries), a higher tax on undeveloped land, empty buildings, etc., will provide a surplus for building a town hall for the orchestra to play in not only for those who pretend to, or really understand music as an art, but for those also who enjoy music as an entertainment.

The musicians could become self-supporting instead of being carried like babies. Co-operation, not opposition is what we need!

H. SCHLOTEN.

Shanghai Apr. 7.

The Chinese Councillors

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The Chinese Ratepayers' Association has made its own rule that only the members of the Association have the chance to vote for election of the Chinese Committee in the Shanghai Municipal Council, while according to the regulations of Yangkingpang, election qualification is, as I understand, that anybody, residing in the Settlement, and making payment of land tax to Tls. 10 per year or payment of municipal rate on rental of Tls. 41.61, equal $69, is entitled to vote. Hundreds of old Chinese residents who have the above qualification are deprived of the privilege of voting. The Chinese Ratepayers' Association does not send circulars for voting to anybody except to its members. I wonder who gives the Association such authority. It is the duty of the Shanghai Municipal Council to see that the voting for election be carried out according to the regulations of Yangkingpang or for the interest of the majority of Chinese taxpayers, not according to the wishes of the present executive committee of the above Association.

Will somebody give any enlightment or remedy?

TAXATION WITHOUT PROPER REPRESENTATION.

Shanghai, Apr. 6.

The Modern Cry

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The old American cry "No representation, no taxation" has been in my thoughts today.

Why should we, who pay our S.M.C. taxes in full, not be allowed to vote because we live on an outside road?

The cry today seems to be No taxation, but full representation."

AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Shanghai, Apr. 7.

The Important Issue

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Casting a bubble on the spate of letters appearing in your correspondence columns on the subject of the Municipal Elections, may I say that some of your correspondents appear to be blind to the really important point at issue. The question whether Mr. Ranald McDonald is elected or not is insignificant (no offence intended, Mr. McDonald!) in comparison with the urgent, vital necessity of making certain that the government of this city will not pass into the hands of people who will very likely (see OBSERVER's letter in Sunday's issue of the N.C.D.N.) put national prestige and national advantage first and foremost.

If it so happens that a Council is elected with preponderant number of Japanese members, then I venture to prophesy that these same correspondents who now criticize the Council will find ample reasons again for wielding the censorious pen on the same subject.

No sudden or drastic change in the personnel of the Council is going to make Shanghai a Utopia for the oppressed ratepayer. Under the fire of criticism to which all governments are subject, and rightly so, mistakes and miscalculations made by the Council in the past are being rectified—man learns slowly but he does learn.

The history of Shanghai shows that the city was governed, and successfully too, by successive bodies of sound, practical business men who did a thankless job at the cost of much of their own time and leisure. How many of us in Shanghai are prepared to do that?

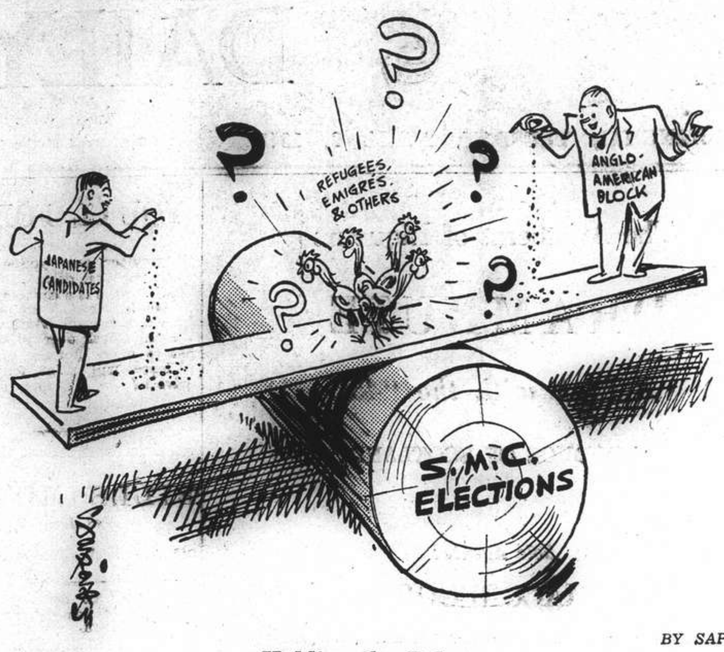
The crucial point then is whether or not to risk an upheaval in the composition of the Council which, if it happens, will earn us the reproach of future generations of Occidental ratepayers. The way to avoid this is not by worrying over the individual merits of British candidates, which has already been indicated by the straw vote, but to record one's vote with a view to the graver issues involved.

This can best be accomplished by voting solidly for the two American and the five British official candidates.

Now Mr. McDonald, you say that you are doing what your conscience tells you is right. I believe you; I admire you for it. But will you kindly reflect that by following the dictates of your conscience you may possibly be the means of creating a situation which a great many people in Shanghai, including yourself, may have bitter reason to regret?

SHANGHAI VETERAN.

Shanghai, Apr. 8.



BY SAPAJOU

Holding the Balance

Sink All Differences

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Nothing, I think, will be more conducive to stiffening a solid vote for the accepted British and American Candidates in the forthcoming election than the exhibition of interference we experienced in a broadcast this evening, April 6. Fortunately, the station attempting to block was not powerful enough to make much impression in the short wave reception; over which every word was audible. A clearer indication could not have been given to the community of the International Settlement of Shanghai as to what would happen should it by any mischance come under the majority control of those attempting to gain power.

I am a tax payer without vote, which matter has rankled for years, but the cue given this evening should make any man who values his freedom and liberty of speech, determined to stand by his rights. There is only one way: sink past differences, objections, and hurt feelings, and go full out for the *status quo, sans outre* (and I don't think I need translate that). There is no other course to avert disaster.

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party."

WISH I COULD VOTE.

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

Mr. McDonald's Views

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In view of a reference to myself, which appeared in column 1, page 1 of the China Press of April 5, and which reads as follows:—

"The second resolution adopted after a lengthy debate was that all American voters be asked to vote for the seven "official" candidates. These are the two American and five British candidates, who were selected by the Straw Votes of their respective communities.

It was stressed at the meeting, however, that this decision was being taken to ensure that the American vote would not be split as a result of an independent entry—Mr. Ranald G. McDonald—who had many supporters in the American community. It was emphasised that this was the only reason, and that Mr. McDonald was not discriminated against as an individual.

It was also pointed out that unless this precaution was taken, one of the two American candidates may find himself eliminated."

I feel sufficiently heartened to put before all voters and the community at large, so that there shall be no shadow of ambiguity or uncertainty about my views or my proposed actions, a statement as to how I at present intend to vote. In spite of the fact that some of my more ardent supporters have announced that they intend to vote for me alone, I myself intend to vote and to urge others to vote as follows:—

(a) For both American Candidates.
1.—Allman, N. F.
2.—Carney, J. W.
(b) For myself, the British Independent Candidate.
9.—McDonald, Ranald G.
(c) For three of the British Straw Vote Candidates.
6.—Keswick, W. J.
10.—Mitchell, G. E.
13.—Powell, T. S.
(d) For three of the Japanese Candidates.
5.—Hanawa, Y.
7.—Kuroda, K.
12.—Okamoto, Otoichi

My brief reasons for voting in the manner suggested above are as follows:—

(a) "For both American Candidates:—

This is your first and foremost duty and is fundamental in the interests of the whole community, not only on account of the large American interests in Shanghai and China, but, *inter alia*, on account of the splendid record of service of American members of the Council, of their ability and impartiality, and not least of all on account of their democratic, their free and independent outlook.

(b) "For myself," the British Independent Candidate:—

I have expressed my views in my "Brief preliminary election address" and in my numerous and lengthy letters to the Press, and a summary of possibly rather egotistical information concerning myself has also appeared in the Press.

(c) "For three of the British Straw Vote Candidates":—

The British are clearly entitled in my view on every ground to four members—myself and the three selected straw vote candidates. If I appear to have been invidious in their selection, it is due to the accursed methods of secrecy which prevail. We can only speculate as to the respective merits of each of the five from such information as the Council chooses to peddle out to us and from what we can glean from other sources.

(d) "For three of the Japanese Candidates":—

The Japanese are in my opinion clearly entitled upon every ground to at least three members this year, and it has seemed to me and still seems downright lunacy to suggest anything else—a lunacy not unlike that which led Britain to the loss of America. Even as long ago as about 1936 I was firmly and openly in favour of an increase of Japanese representation on the Council from two to three; and all that has happened since that date has only increased the validity and strength of the Japanese claim to some increase. I cannot imagine anything more fatuous and more calculated to lead to a major disaster to British interests and the general interests of the Settlement than the adoption of an arrogant and wholly unreasonable attitude of blank obstruction to legitimate Japanese aspirations. The senseless and almost criminal suggestion that the election is a kind of dog fight to the death between occidental and oriental factions is so contemptible and so fraught with future and lasting dangers that it is incredible how any calm and balanced mind can for one momet entertain it. Let us all remember the Council's motto "*Omnia juncta in uno*" and let sanity prevail.

If everyone were to follow this year my advice with regard to voting as set out above, there would be no trouble in Shanghai, there would be no humiliation, no bitter resentment, no friction, no lasting racial antagonism. It would mean the inauguration of an era of goodwill, of genuine co-operation, of honest give and take, and mark the commencement of an era of unparalleled prosperity and progress for this great, this unique city of Shanghai. Immediate steps could then be taken, in conjunction with the Chinese, for drastic and fundamental changes in the whole machinery and methods of government not only of the Settlement but of the surrounding districts, and it would not then be long before Shanghai became one of the greatest, if not the greatest of the cities in the world.

Voters of every nationality, let us all co-operate—let us work for harmony—I therefore urge you to give my advice at least a trial this year. It can do no possible harm and might prove to be an undreamt of success.

In conclusion, let me say this that this letter is in complete harmony with my Preliminary Election Address, and is, in my opinion, the only public attempt at a statesmanlike solution of the grave perils which will confront the Settlement, if matters are allowed to drift from bad to worse.

RANALD MCDONALD.

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

Hospital Fees:

A Big Increase

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As if hospitalization were not sufficiently expensive in Shanghai the Council raises the total of patients' bills by 50 per cent. in the Country and General Hospitals, but is kind enough to make this increase only 30 per cent. for 3rd Class patients, as if these were not already in difficulties with the $3 per day rate, not to speak of the total inadequacy of free beds for those who have no money at all.

And yet, we have an Orchestra tootling away at something like $200,000 per annum. Years ago I pointed out, that divided by three that sum of money makes something like 66,666 days of hospitalization!

Today the need of free hospitals is even greater than it ever was—and also reasonable ward-fees to those of small means, where every dollar counts.

In the circumstances, an Orchestra is not such a crying necessity and it is inexplicable how the Council persists in retaining it, more especially as, for years past, there has been very strong opposition to its retention.

B. I. G. DRUM

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

(Continued on page 5)

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF APRIL 9, 1870

Our Tientsin correspondent confirms the news we published a few days ago, regarding the serious defeat inflicted on the Imperialists in Shanse; and adds that the state of things in that province is very bad, which causes great anxiety to the officials. Incredible as it may appear, it seems to be a fact, that the Government does contemplate opening coal mines in Chihli Province; and we are assured that engines are now being made in the Tientsin arsenal, for pumping out water and raising coal. Snow fell on April 1 and the roads to the interior are still very bad.

Japan's Crops Valued At £350,000,000

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

Aggregate value of agricultural production in Japan during 1939 was Y.5,614,000,000, according to an announcement of the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Leading gain was in the value of silk cocoon production which in 1939 was 155.2 per cent larger than in 1938.

Details follow in Y.1,000,000:

	1939	Percentage Increase in value compared with 1938
Rice	2,874	32.3
Wheat	604	49.1
Cocoons	883	155.2
Others	1,253	47.8
Total:	5,614	48.8

—Reuter.

Authoritative Rumanian quarters categorically denied rumours that a general of the Rumanian Staff is now in Ankara conferring with Turkish military leaders.

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Woman's Page

A MAYFAIR NOTEBOOK

By Pheline

London, Mar. 1.

There has been much speculation as to which London mansion will become the future home of the Duke and Duchess of Kent and it now seems more likely that they will occupy Clarence House, St. James's Palace, than Kensington Palace, which was left them by the late Princess Louise. But the Royal couple have been in no great hurry to find a town house, for they are very happy and comfortable in their quarters in Buckingham Palace.

The Duchess of Gloucester is also still staying in the Palace. In many ways they must find their comparatively small and compact apartments in the Palace more convenient than large houses in wartime. Though the functions which they normally attend in peace time have been curtailed drastically, the Duchesses of Kent and Gloucester are as busy, if not busier, than ever. Both are doing war work and carry out every day semi-private engagements connected with war charities and sundry activities.

The Queen is particularly glad to have her sisters-in-law near her. She relies very much on the Duchess of Kent's taste and judgment. Residence at the Palace, setting her free as it does from many domestic duties, has enabled the Duchess of Kent to enjoy London's restaurant life with the Duke, when he is home on leave, and the Queen likes to hear her cheerful accounts of these outings. They are not as frivolous as they may sound for the underlying purpose is to help trade and to give employment to countless people.

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Three Years at the Palace

It was three years ago this February that the King and Queen took up their residence in Buckingham Palace and during this short period the Queen has continued the good work begun by Queen Mary of making the Palace a really well appointed modern home.

The Queen has concentrated largely on the redecoration of her own apartments. While Queen Mary's favourite colour was pale blue, Queen Elizabeth likes pale pink equally well, as her choice of furnishing colours show.

At one time it was the fashion to decorate the State apartments with heavy masses of colour. The Queen has changed all this. She prefers lighter colour schemes for fabrics and flowers and the generous use of foliage. Many successful alterations have been made at her suggestion in the Royal apartments which are the concern of the Office of Works.

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The Soldiers' Shop

Miss Mary Ellis, famous American film and stage star, is helping a group of young women in Mayfair in a very useful piece of war work. They are running a shopping service for soldiers, sailors and airmen and using a gown and beauty shop in Grosvenor Street for their headquarters. The owner of the shop, Miss Olga Ashford, with twenty years business experience behind her, is giving them expert advice in the buying of everything from a shaving brush to a complete outfit.

The shopping service will also arrange for the laundering and mending of torn uniforms and socks. And the charge for this work is nothing. No wonder it has had an enthusiastic response to the circular which has been sent to all stations and camps. "We want to help ATS and WRENS", Miss Ashford says, "and all branches of the Services, too, particularly those who are in outlandish posts."

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His Favourite Film Star

Another well-known film star, Miss Elizabeth Allan, has had a good idea for helping the troops. As she naturally has many friends in the film colonies in England and in California, she thought of writing and asking them to send her their photographs. Soldiers, sailors and airmen who want pictures of their favourite film stars to brighten the walls of dull billets have only to tell Miss Allen and she will see that they get them.

Pictures of lovelies are now pouring in, as are requests for them. This is how Miss Allan tells us of her idea. "I get requests every week for my signed photograph from soldiers, sailors and airmen," she says. "I can't be every man's ideal film star. Not with Dietrich and Garbo about! So I thought of this Leap Year offering from the glamour girls to the boys in the dugouts."

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For Women Only

With their menfolk away, the women of London and Paris are taking to club life. These new clubs which are scattered about the suburbs of London and Paris are often quite humble affairs, housed inexpensively in a single room and run by members themselves. Here lonely women congregate for evening knitting and sewing parties, for a chat over a cup of tea, or a game of cards.

The first of such clubs in Paris is to be found on the top floor of a tall building near the Champs Elysées. It is a club, run on more ambitious lines than many others, by women for women, and I believe that very nearly the only man who has crossed the threshold is the physical training instructor who takes a class three times a week for members between the ages of 20 to 40.

The women's club movement has grown tremendously since the war began. Their normal membership of 2,000 is now nearer 3,000, and new members are joining every day. The fee for this Parisian club is 7s. 6d. a year and for this sum women can visit ice rinks and winter swimming clubs in the French capital at a 30 per cent reduction.

Every club member helps in the administration which keeps down expenses. In the office of the Champs Elysées centre there is a 22-year-old typist, whose fiancé is in a tank regiment; a 30-year-old fashion designer, who is acting as telephonist; and an 18-year-old cinema usherette, who files the club's letters. The club organizes all sorts of outings for Frenchwomen whose husbands have been mobilized. They include hiking, skiing and swimming parties. There is one thing the authorities insist upon: members must take some part in physical culture.

"Bag and Baggage"

Have you ever wondered where the phrase, "bag and baggage," came from? As it suggests, it is a refugee phrase, and originated in France. In medieval times "bagues" (rings) were the most valuable part of a person's wealth and were synonymous with personal property. In flight the phrase, "sortie vie et bagues sauves," meant "to depart with life and rings safe." There is an old French word, "bague," which also means "bundle." The English picked up the word, "bagues," as meaning "bag" in the sense we now use it—owing to this misunderstanding.

A Lesson on Bach's Concerto

Maestro Paci with his three pupils, (left to right) Leyda Pezzini, Mary Shen, Rose Schiffmann, will give a Four-Piano Concerto Evening with the Orchestra at the Lyceum on April 17 at 9.15.

B. W. A.

Monday, Apr. 8.—Badminton Tournament 2 p.m. Library Committee Meeting 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Apr. 9.—Hospital Aid Department 9 to noon.

Wednesday, Apr. 10.—Executive Committee Meeting 9.30 a.m. Red Cross Work 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Knitting 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 11.—Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon.

Friday, Apr. 12.—Badminton. Home and Garden Section 10 a.m. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon.

Saturday, Apr. 13.—Badminton. Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Monday, Apr. 15.—Badminton. Social Service Board Committee Meeting 9.30 a.m. Needlecraft Section at Headquarters 9.30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Home and Garden Section takes place at Mr. R. C. Turner's garden, 377 Haiphong Road at 10 a.m., and will be a talk on "Daffodils."

The Musical and Dramatic Section wish to announce that their next Tea and Concert takes place on April 25. It will consist of sketches and musical numbers, details of which will be advertised later. The Committee regret that owing to the increased cost of everything they are obliged to charge $2 for entrance to non-members of the Section, and $1.50 to Section members. This will include tea.

Overweights Usually Bored

Excessive Eating Blamed By Doctors

That old theory about over-weights being happy-go-lucky seems to have been all wrong. It is now the conviction of some of the leading medical authorities that the overweight is anything but happy—that she is more likely to be a person who is downright bored with life and who takes to overeating as an escape from boredom.

Is that true of you? It is apparently true of a great many women. And, in that case, the solution is not merely to go on a diet, but also to fill your life with so many other interests that eating is relegated to its proper place.

Story Told

At 2 o'clock one morning, one of these unhappy overweights quit fighting insomnia and put her story into a letter....She weighed more than 200 pounds and she couldn't get her weight down! Her size was so acutely embarrassing to her that she was becoming a recluse.

There was one organization she was keenly interested in, but she couldn't make any effort to belong because she thought the members wouldn't want her.

Perseverance Noted

But she was game enough to try again! This letter, written in the lonely hours, was intended as a pledge to herself to persevere on her determined course. She had to get her weight down in order to re-establish her self-respect!

It goes without saying that she dieted, but the amazing thing is the part played by outside interests in the subsequent weight reduction. She succeeded in losing ten pounds of weight, and as soon as she had done that, she made a definite effort to participate in worthwhile activities. She joined study groups and other women's organizations.

Programme Adhered To

And the more interested she became in their activities, the easier it became to stick to her reducing programme.

Just one year later, she wrote a very different letter...."Tonight my weight worries me not at all. I am still a little over-weight, but I know that I am master of the situation. I exercise regularly, and my life is so full of a number of things that I don't often lie awake at night."

Then she went on to tell what she had been doing. She was president of the very organization she had thought wouldn't want her! And this letter was written on the eve of departure for a convention as president and leading representative.

Amusing—and Useful—Trinkets From France

New York.

The French, among their other attributes, are a great race for inventing little gadgets purely for their amusement value. Judging by the odd bits of costume jewellery and other trinkets imported from the other side, the French are a nation of pixies.

For example, a miniature gold reproduction of Maurice Chevalier's famous straw hat is a compact and a very practical one at that. There is plently of room inside for powder with the usual mirror set in and underneath the brim of the hat there is a second and larger mirror.

A gold clip is made in the shape of a distorted square. It is about an inch and a half wide and set with different coloured baguette stones. Clip earrings are made up to match. Because of the false perspective, the whole effect of the set is bulky and heavy, but in reality the pieces are small and light.

Some oval clip pins are like miniature Victorian flower pictures. Little flowers and cacti in pots are mounted on a plain background and covered with pieces of glass. A pair of these clips would look well with light or summer clothes.

Bracelet of Suede

A stiff bangle bracelet is made of suède in different colours bound with gold and appliquèd on the suède at intervals are little rhinestone bowknots. There are matching triangular clips and one of the smartest is in dead white suède with the bowknots etched in gold.

Another suède bracelet would be nice for Anglophiles or Francophiles. It consists of flat links in red, white and blue with the Tricolor and the Union Jack worked out in the design.

Any night owl lost in the wilds of West Fifty-second Street and anxious to make tracks for home can pull out his key ring and take his bearings by the aid of a small compass at the other end of the chain. The key ring is the kind that clamps shut and the compass is ball shaped and mounted in a leather case.

A small wrist watch for sports wear is set in the centre of a leather bangle, which is open to permit it to slip on the wrist. The bangle is stiff and quite heavy and the watch is deeply inbedded so that there is little danger of its being damaged.

In view of the current fashion for shoulder or lapel ornaments, a copy of an old-fashioned lavalliere would be charming. This consists of three blue and gold enamel disks, encrusted with turquoise beads and joined together by gold chains. Small mesh tassels hang from each of the disks and the whole piece is about five inches long.

Ship Compacts

Some unusual compacts have different kinds of historical ships cut in relief and covered with glass on the top lid. There is one of a Spanish galleon and another of a frigate. They are very carefully carved and painted, similar work to the cut crystal stock pins and cuff links worn by men. The compacts are the standard square size.

Another one is slightly larger and done in pale blue enamels, with a frosty design like the marks on window panes in winter worked into the enamel.

Still another compact is a copy of an old snuff box, a deep narrow rectangle with rounded sides. There is a tiny crown on the top. This one would take a great deal of loose powder and would be convenient for people who are tired of having to refill at least once a week.

People who won't settle for any of these might like some with miniature paintings on the lid. This work looks like Persian illumination, but the scenes depicted are anything but Oriental. One in particular shows Napoleon on his horse against a flecked gold background.

For sports wear there is a huge "gold" safety pin, the kind used for horse blankets, with a tiny padlock appliquéd on the closing end. This would be useful for scarves or to pin on corsages of flowers.

On the principle that utilitarian objects are decorative when used for another purpose, a normal sized padlock in "gold" is made up as a clip. There are some tiny padlock earrings to match, and any one with pierced ears could have them fixed to go through the ear instead of clipping on.

Spilling Salt—Some Old Superstitions

Variations of salt superstitions are to be found in many countries today.

The reason for its importance dates back to the dim past. Then the old alchemists believed that salt was an incorruptible element, unchangeable and unalterable, so it came to be a symbol of peace and friendship.

Originally, salt spilled on the table betokened a quarrel. To break the spell the person nearest to the spilled salt threw a little over his left shoulder. The left-shoulder version is still popular in England, but in Holland it is tossed straight over the spiller's head. The gipsies in Rumania sprinkle the ground around a camping place with salt to bring them prosperity.

American Indians Ban Swastika

Four tribes of Arizona Indians, the Navajos, Papagos, Apaches and Hopis, through their headmen at the Tucson conclave, banned the use of the swastika from all designs in their basket-weaving and blanket making. The use of the swastika by the Nazi party and the Indians' resentment against the "acts of oppression" by the Nazi government was given as the reason for their action.

Honey Packs For Beauty

Rejuvenating and Refreshing Treatment for Skin

The advantages of honey as a beauty treatment cannot be overemphasized. Not only is it mildly astringent, with a slightly bleaching effect, but the results achieved are threefold—bleaching, beautifying and rejuvenating.

Honey treatments are especially beneficial after an illness. They revitalize even the most jaded of muscular tissues and close open pores which were really beginning to become quite noticeable.

There are several kinds of honey treatments, but those given here are considered the best. It naturally sounds rather messy, but, if you are careful with your applications, there is not the slightest need for worry. If you are not careful, then you will have honey on your hair and clothes.

For all honey treatments, be sure that you tie a band around your hair, and thus keep it away from the face.

The first honey treatment is really very simple, and is called honey pack, which is made as follows: Mix sufficient honey with two tablespoons of almond meal to make a thick paste. Then add five drops of witch-hazel. Then cleanse the face, massage some lemon cream well into the skin, and finally remove with face tissues.

Cut a piece of fine gauze so that it will lie over the face, and leave small openings for the nose and the mouth. If you can procure the services of a friend to help, you may also cover the eyes with a pad of cottonwool which has been squeezed out in witch-hazel. Lay the gauze over the face, pat a very generous supply of the pack evenly over the gauze, and then lie down for 20 minutes.

While you are lying down you can gently fan the face. At the expiration of the 20 minutes, remove the pack from the face by gently lifting the gauze from the neck upwards. All surplus honey can be removed from the skin with clean towels. Finish by rubbing gently with cleansing tissues. Then squeeze some cottonwool in witch-hazel and gently pat the face. You can finish off the treatment by placing a small piece of ice in a handkerchief and quickly massaging the skin.

Worth the Trouble

The above pack is very simple and easy to follow, but if your skin is very oily, and you are prepared to go to a little more trouble, you will find that the egg and honey pack is excellent. First cleanse the skin with a good cold cream, remove surplus cream with tissues so that the skin will be left in a receptive condition for the pack, which is made as follows: Separate the yolk from the white of an egg, and, using all the yolk and half the white, add two heaped tablespoonfuls of almond meal, one tablespoonful hydrogen peroxide, 15 drops witch-hazel. Mix thoroughly together until the paste has the consistency of a thick flour gravy. If the paste is too thick you can add a little more witch-hazel Also have on hand a tablespoonful of honey, which will be required later.

Apply the pack all over the face leaving only the eyes clear, then lay a piece of gauze over the face to prevent the pack from dropping off, and lie down for 20 minutes. The pack must dry thoroughly, and while it is drying you must relax. This is important. You cannot expect lines and wrinkles to be removed, if you are going to concentrate while undergoing treatment.

A Smooth Mask

When the pack is quite dry it may be removed with warm towels. After every vestige of the pack is removed beat up the balance of the egg-white, and with a piece of cottonwool apply it evenly over the face with the exception of the upper eyelids. Fan the face until the egg-white is dry, and then remove with hot towels.

Now you will apply your honey. Pat the honey thoroughly over the face, making a smooth mask. Allow the honey to remain on the face for 10 minutes, after which it is removed with towels or face tissues. Then crush some ice, place it in a gauze bag, and pat this on the face. Then apply astringent and make-up as usual. The benefits obtained from this pack cannot be over-stressed. The eggs are toning and stimulating and the honey is soothing.

Finger Massage

For a simple treatment it is hard to beat the honey massage.

First thoroughly cleanse the skin, then with the fingers dab the honey on to the face until it is all thickly covered. Then with both hands rub the honey lightly over the skin. Keep the honey moving, otherwise you will notice that it will have a tendency to drip from the chin. After a few minutes the honey will begin to look lighter in colour and to thicken. Keep massaging until it becomes a paste thick enough to remain on the face without slipping, then pat evenly and gently for about 10 minutes.

At the end of this time you will notice that the paste has become quite white and stiff. Now you can take hold of your skin between the fingers and lift and pull with an upwards movement. To remove the honey small pieces can be lifted off with the fingers or a piece of muslin can be pressed on to the sticky part and quickly lifted away from the face. Remove as much of the honey as possible in this manner, and then massage the face with cold cream. In this manner you will be able to remove most of the mixture.

On no account place water on the honey, otherwise it will become a sticky mess. If you keep applying small pieces of muslin you will find that most of the honey will leave the skin. Before any water is applied all traces of honey should be removed with cold cream. The effect achieved with honey is lasting.

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The following recipe will make a bleaching lotion which is unexcelled for keeping the hands and arms white. If your hands are at all discoloured have your chemist mix the following lotion for you and apply to the skin every night.

The juice of two fresh lemons.

Glycerine ..... 4 teaspoonfuls
Rosewater ..... 2 teaspoonfuls
Peroxide of hydrogen (10 vols.) 2 teaspoonfuls

Shake the bottle well before using and apply immediately after having washed the skin.

Spinach Spurned

The child whose deep-seated suspicion of spinach made him refuse broccoli had the right of it. So said Chemist Roger Williams Truesdail of Los Angeles to the mothers and fathers of Redlands, California, recently.

"After all," said he, "youngsters have been exactly right in their tearful resistance to the supposed builder of sturdy bodies. The calcium properties of spinach are not available to the human system. Only 20 per cent of its iron is available. But this is not the worst of it. The oxalate radical in spinach precipitates the calcium from other foods and carries it away."

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Erik Shows Pleasing Hats

Colours Flattering; Materials Soft; Trimmings Young—Molyneux Costumes Forecast Trend

Paris.

Erik's first Paris showing since the start of the war, revealed that this "enfant terrible" of millinery is considerably chastened. His usual startling and often eccentric headlines have given place to hats that are kind to strained faces. Colours are calculated to flatter, materials to soften, trimmings to rejuvenate and enhance.

Erik's favourite new materials are dotted, faconné straw fabrics. Plaid or checked straws make youthful tailored hats. Flowers mingled with green grass are charming trimmings. A featured silhouette dips down close to the hair at the back. It appears in toques and in large sculptured shapes; the brims of the latter are turned up on both sides. This line is smartly used in an emerald-green felt hat trimmed with a high black quill.

Erik is showing a group of very wearable black straw sailors trimmed with white flowers such as gardenias, carnations or daisies. Some are softened by veils. Tiny straw "plates" on which flowers or looped ribbons replace the crown are notable. A small black spiral hat which has a white flower centre and a tiny white straw tricorne trimmed with black and white daisies are favourites.

Dunton's Multiple Bags

Dunton has some grand new antelope bags that may be worn slung over the belt or the forearm. They are like tailored saddlebags, some come in two colours, such as navy and bright red. They have four pockets, one at each end. A stunning tobacco antelope model has a muff-top which connects triple-flapped outside pockets.

For her private clientele Dunton recently designed a group of those indispensable black silk dresses, with high necks and long sleeves, that can be worn for almost any occasion short of a formal evening party. They were all quickly bought by American buyers; Parisiennes also like them. Several two-piece models are successful. One in dull crêpe satin, made with the dull side out, has a pleated skirt and a long tight jumper which is draped through the waistline. Cording set on in scrolls is used to trim the borders and to simulate a one-sided front closing. Another frock is of black marocain. Its slim skirt is made with a tunic which looks like a hip-length jumper in front and swoops into a "Trilby" overskirt at the back.

Molyneux especially designed the costumes for Yvonne de Bray, who is starring in Cocteau's new play, "Les Monstres Sacrés." Some of them offer an interesting fashion forecast. They show a new type of classic influence. Notable is an orchid-pink jersey evening gown worn with a Bordeaux velvet coat, inspired by Italian Quattro-Cento paintings. The same epoch is suggested in a dinner ensemble. Its collarless, red velvet swing-jacket, cuffed with marten to match a round fur turban with a red velvet crown, contrasts with a long, clinging sapphire velvet gown. Over a supple white jersey evening gown de Bray wears a vivid fuchsia cape draped like a toga.

Sneeze to the Left For Luck

From time immemorial sneezing has been linked upon as something just a little bit supernatural, and it is only in these modern days that the old habit of an invocation or salutation has fallen into disuse. Amongst the delightful tales in the Arabian Nights there is one told of a schoolmaster who, wishful to instil habits of politeness into his flock, taught them whenever he sneezed to clap both hands and cry, "Long live our noble master." The story goes that one day, when taking a prolonged walk into the country, and, being hot and thirsty, they came to a well, but found the bucket at the bottom, disconnected from the rope. So the schoolmaster decided he had better go down, which he did, and, having tied on the bucket and filled it, he gave the signal to be pulled up again. Unfortunately, when nearly at the top, he happened to sneeze, whereupon his scholars let go the rope, clapped their hands violently, and cried, "Long live our noble master," who naturally swiftly returned to the bottom of the well again.

To sneeze to the left was considered a very lucky omen, thus Acme was delighted when Cupid sneezed to the left as she was embracing Septimellus:

Acme then, her head reflecting,
Kissed her sweet youth's half-closed eyes,
With her rosy lips connecting
Looks that glistened with replies.
"Thus my life, my Septimellus!
Serve we love our only master,
One warm love-flood seem to thrill us
Throbs it not in me the faster?"
She said: and as before
Love on the left hand aptly sneezed—
The omen showed that he was pleased
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THE SPORTS PAGE

American Troop Annual Shoot

Week-end Spent in Camp On Rifle Range; Drill in Vital Subjects

Over the week-end the American Troop, S.V.C., held its annual shoot on the Rifle Range, while the unit was in camp. The meeting was highly successful and was attended by 60 members. Besides the shooting, the Troop received instruction on mob dispersal and street fighting.

A few official guests attended the tiffin on Sunday and among those attending were Col. DeWitt Peck, Col. J. W. Hornby, Maj. H. S. Bartley and Capt. C. J. Doughty.

The results of the annual shoot follow:—

Cunningham Cup.—100 yards grouping and 200 yards snap.—winner, L/Cpl. Morang 49 points.

Gulick Cup.—200 yards and 300 yards application.—winner: Tpr. Shaw 37 points.

Allagi Cup.—300 yards rapid.—winners: Cpl. Flook 33 points, Cpl. Cox 33 points, L/Cpl. Lumsdaine 33 points.

Chesterfield Cup.—Grand aggregate.—winners: Sgt. Diniz 102 points and L/Cpl. Lumsdaine 102 points.

Hodger Cup.—High gun, officers and sergeants.—winner: Sgt. Diniz 102 points.

Malboro Cup.—High gun, recruits.—winner: Tpd. Wilbur 89 points.

American Club Cup.—High gun pistol.—winners: Tpr. Blake and Tpr. Davis 75 points each.

Scotchmer Memorial Cup.—High gun, Browning automatic rifle.—winner: L/Cpl. Lumsdaine 124 points.

Beaumont Cup.—Drill down.—winner: Tpr. Bryan.

High Score (squad) was won by 4th squad. First Platoon: Total score 610 points.—Cpl. Phillips, L/Cpl. Lawler, Tprs. Mandelert, Blake, Wilbur, Stiles and Taylor.

High Score (platoon) was won by the 2nd platoon.—total score 1,806 points.

Marksman Classification

The following classified as marksmen:—

Rifle.—Capt. Franklin 99 points, 1st Sgt. McIntosh 96 points, Sgt. Diniz 102 points, Cpl. Flook 95 points, L/Cpl. Lumsdaine 102 points, Tpr. Mandelert 101 points.

Browning Automatic.—Sgt. Diniz 114 points, L/Cpl. Lumsdaine 124 points.

Pistol.—1st Sgt. McIntosh 68 points, Sgt. Diniz 61 points, Sgt. Marco 66 points, Cpl. Stuckgold 71 points, Cpl. Flook 69 points, Cpl. Phillips 70 points, Cpl. Cox 71 points, L/Cpl. Morang 60 points, L/Cpl. Bordwell 63 points, L/Cpl. Kops 65 points, L/Cpl. Lumsdaine 69 points, Tpr. Blake 75 points, Tpr. Davis 75 points, Tpr. Morgan, W. B. 70 points, Tpr. Stiles 73 points, Tpr. Dengin 69 points, Tpr. Adams, Jnr. 69 points, Tpr. Faison 67 points, Tpr. Stancil 66 points, Tpr. Pollon, A. J. 68 points, Tpr. Shestakoff 66 points, Tpr. Morentz 65 points, Tpr. Brown, H. 64 points, Tpr. Bryan 63 points, Tpr. Morgan, A. L. 62 points.

Tennis Association Affluence

Securities Worth £60,000 Held in Vaults

Locked up in the extremely safe deposit of the L.T.A. is the sum of about £60,000 mainly in Government securities. A first class issue pending within the same will be whether the sum is all to be allowed to remain tucked away or whether some of it is to help in the tiding-over of war-time difficulties. As with other games, so with lawn tennis—there is affluence at the top, poverty below. Some of the County Associations have hardly enough money for stamps and paper. Many of the clubs, faced with wholesale resignations by younger members on service, are almost on the "bread line." Mr. C. Wright, who represents Cambridgeshire in the Council of the L.T.A. is taking the first steps towards a financial discussion by ensuring that a meeting of the Council shall be called. For, amazingly, that body has not met since the war began. Once such a meeting is summoned efforts will be made to see that the coaching schemes in the Universities, schools and clubs are kept "ticking over" by making a portion of the usual headquarter grants, even if the L.T.A. balance is reduced by a thousand or two in the process. Apart from finance, the question of modified competition lawn tennis must arise. Some at least of the holiday tournaments might be held; a county competition on regional lines is feasible. If these attractions are not practicable, we ought to be told so, not by an emergency committee but by the Council, whom the clubs and counties elected.

Volleyball League Play in Foreign "Y"

Russian Club Unbeaten In Their Division

The Russian Club remain the only unbeaten team in the "B" Division of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Invitation Volleyball League after they scored a hard-fought 2-1 victory over the Merry Fellows last night. Play was extremely close in the first two sets in which both were successful, the ultimate winners winning the opening set by 15-12.

The Russians started off strong and managed to get the lead through fine smashes at the net. In the second set the Merry Fellows rallied to tie the score several times before they reeled off the last two points after 13-all. In the second set the Russians to be at a loss towards the end as most of their smashed went wrong. The third set, however, saw the Club get back into form and won the match rather convincingly.

In a second game Hong Yee took the measure of Brit Hihayl in two straight sets by 15-13 and 15-9. The losers put up a stiff fight in the opening set and nearly upset their opponents who proved slightly steadier in the pinches.

The encounter between Italian Navy and Twenty Seven failed to take place as the Chinese were unable to raise a team. The sailors, therefore, gained a walkover.

Shanghai Golf Club

The results of the April monthly cup follow:—

"A" CLASS

F. Marshall	83—12—71
H. Grubb	80— 6—74
W. H. C. Huggett	81— 3—78

Kiefer Improves on Own World Record

New York, Apr. 7.

Adolph Kiefer, young American back-stroke swimming marvel, broke his own world record for the 100 yards back-stroke today, clipping .9 sec. off his old mark.

He covered the distance in his latest attempt in 57.9 secs., compared with his former record of 58.8 sec.

Kiefer has a virtual monopoly on back stroke world swimming records. Besides the 100 yards record, he also holds those for the 100 metres, the 150 yards, 200 metres and 400 metres.—Reuter.

First Gymkhana of Spring Season

Successful Sunday Affair Of Club Hippique; Crowds Watch Various Events

By "The Chaser"

The Club Hippique held their first gymkhana of the season on Sunday afternoon and the magnificent spring weather brought out a large crowd who turned out to watch the various events. Of particular interest was Mrs. E. Andrews' attempt to beat the China Pony high jump record which she established last year on her pony Ironsides. She unfortunately only succeeded in equalling her pervious record of four feet five inches. She rode Ironsides again.

The gymkhana, in which more than 30 competitors participated, opened with a jumping contest for children and Master Leshie Popple showed excellent horsemanship to take first prize on Happy-go-Lucky while the daughter of Major-Gen. Keith Simmons, Miss Jean Simmons, was second on Coroner. Third place fell to Master David Frost who rode Eggnogg.

Marquise de Taliani and Mr. L. Scheyven did well to tie for first place in the Novice Jumping Competition, a jumping contest open only to ponies that have not won a jumping contest. Marquise de Taliani rode her pony Allegra while Mr. Schayven rode his polo pony Solovei. Master Leslie Popple was again in the picture when he took second prize on Happy-go-Lucky. The third prize went to Mr. A. C. Cater on Rusty.

The remaining event, the Open Jumping, produced a more seasoned lot of jumpers and Mlle. Cosmé, on her pony Lustic, took premier honours. Mr. Schyeven entered this event on two ponies and succeeded in annexing second and third places. He rode Solovei to take second prize and Kalga to take third prize.

Hungjao Ladies' Golf Club Contest

The starting times for the Foursomes v. Bogey competition tomorrow are as follows:—

9.16	Mrs. Smith v. Mrs. Bates ..	(25)
	Mrs. Hawkins v. Mrs. Gubb	(18)
9.20	Mrs. Harrison v. Mrs. Barton	(21)
	Mrs. Orme v. Mrs. Wentworth	(20)
9.24	Mme. Laffond v. Mrs. Howell	(13)
	Mrs. R. Davis v. Mrs. Rigden	(18)
9.28	Lady Maze v. Mrs. Forbes ..	(17)
	Mrs. Maitland v. Mrs. Mann	(15)
9.32	Mrs. Innes v. Mrs. C. F. King	(15)

v.

A. N. Other.

Japanese School Children Favour German Victory

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

Of 6,283 children in Japanese secondary and primary schools who filled in and returned a questionnaire issued by the Japanese Anti-Comintern Friendship Society, 70 per cent. favoured a German victory, only 20 per cent. supported the democracies while 10 per cent. were indifferent as to who won.

The replies showed that the majority of Japanese children believe Germany was forced to conclude her non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union in order to free herself to face Great Britain, but they maintain a hostile attitude toward the Soviets, the poll states. They also believe that in the long run Germany will regret its close ties with the Soviet Union.

More than 80 per pent. of the replies express the belief that Great Britain and France lost prestige over the Tientsin and Asama Maru issues.—Reuter.

Chinese Troops in Anhwei Routed

Anking, Apr. 8.

In 69 engagements against an aggregate of 12,000 Chinese troops during March, Japanese forces in the Anking area along the Yangtze inflicted losses of 868 killed upon the Chinese, it was announced here today. Forty-nine prisoners were taken, the announcement added.

Of the 69 engagements, the Japanese fought 27 in their campaign to mop-up Chinese troops operating along the Yangtze to hamper river traffic.

Booty gained by the Japanese included 2 trench mortars, 132 trench mortar shells, 6 light machine-guns, 3,000 rounds of machine-gun ammunition, many rifles and large quantities of rifle ammunition, the announcement stated.—Domei.

More Telegrams Against Mr. Wang Ching-wei

Chungking, Apr. 8.

Chinese military leaders in Shantung and Kiangsu have issued a circular telegram denouncing the régime under Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Among them are said to be Gen. Yu Hsueh-chang, Gen. Li Ming-yang and Gen. Miao Cheng-liu.

Gen. Ma Pu-fang, Governor of Tsinghai (Kokonor), on behalf of all officers and men of the province, as well as the offices of the provincial government and party have also issued telegrams denouncing the new government at Nanking.

Similar telegrams have been received from the Kansu, Szechuan and Yunnan provincial councils, and oversea Chinese in the United States, Mexico, Panama and Peru.—Reuter.

Shooting Presentations

A happy function was held recently in the S.V.C. Club on the occasion of presenting shooting trophies. Mrs. G. M. Neal, wife of the O.C. B. Battalion, is pictured with some of the winners.

Robber Accidentally Injures Elderly Man

Carelessness in Cleaning Pistol Blamed

Armed robbers living off Municipal roads make no secret out of the fact that they carry pistols, and at times use them for purposes of intimidation or shooting their victims. They also are concerned with cleaning their weapons occasionally so as to keep them in perfect condition.

Not always, however, are they experts at this work, and when a member of the underworld proceeded to clean his pistol outside a little hut in Chinese territory surrounded by Singapore, Penang and Kiaochow Roads shortly after 1.30 p.m. yesterday, he must have forgotten that there was a bullet in the breach. On pulling the trigger of his gun, a shot went off and injured an elderly Chinese who was just coming out of an adjoining hut.

An emergency ambulance was summoned and the victim was sent to the Red Cross hospital where it was ascertained that the shot had hit him in the lower part of the body.

Alarmed by the report of the shot, detectives from Gordon Road police station rushed to the scene but on seeing where the shooting had taken place, had no alternative but to return to their station because they have no jurisdiction over the territory in question.

Municipal Orchestra

Splendid Concert on Sunday In Lyceum Theatre

Miss Lois Woo's playing of the Chopin E-minor piano concerto was one of the most noteworthy performances in music this season.

"Hats off, a pianist" one is inclined to declare, paraphrasing Schumann's words. And this is probably the simplest and most expressive assessment of Miss Woo's talents. There is no need to mention the matter of technical ability: it is there, and its design is understood. It never obtrudes, and yet it is equal to all the demands that are made. Miss Woo's art begins where many another pianist's leaves off. With her coordination of mind and muscle, and using this as a point of departure, she reveals herself as a stylist, thus gaining access to the sanctum of the meaning behind the notes she plays.

The essential form of Chopin concerto provides a platform for the soloist, and limits the role of the orchestra to a series of respectful and acquiescent tutti sections. There is little concerted work of significance, and this must have been a matter of some relief, both to the soloist and conductor on Sunday, for the teamwork was often ill-contrived. In this, the Orchestra cannot altogether be acquitted of the charge of being wooden and flat; nor can Miss Woo deny that she rushed some of her fences.

Orchestral Works

Bach's Third Brandenburg Concerto, the Brahma/Haydn Variations, and Beethoven's First Symphony, formed the mainstay of the programme. The Orchestra gave of its best: Beethoven and Brahms were played superbly. One might doubt the necessity of tripling Bach's orchestration in his Concerto, but this aspect is hardly germane to the main issue, if the broad view is taken.

The presence of the Three B's might occasion a few remarks. If one connects, in the conventional manner, the names of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, because they are three great composers, whose names happen to begin with the letter B, the way is clear. It becomes perilous, however, if by the linking of these names, a strict evolutionary process in their music is implied.

Bach did not beget Beethoven; and neither did the musical genes of Beethoven reappear in Brahms to such an extent as to establish, as an accepted fact that he was the former master's successor.

It is often averred that Brahms's symphonies directly perpetuate the Beethoven symphonic line.

If it is agreed that Beethoven's principal might and measure were contained in his output in the symphonic field and, if it is conceded that any of the mortals who succeeded him should have attempted to don the outsize in mantles which he left behind, then surely Bruckner, and not Brahms, was the one who was most successful.—H.

Roosevelt Faces Second Primary Test

Chicago, Apr. 8.

President Roosevelt faces his second major test on the third term question tomorrow in the Illinois state primary elections. Mr. Roosevelt will oppose the Vice-President, Mr. John N. Garner, in the Democratic Party primary.

Mr. Thomas Dewey, New York District Attorney and one of the leading Republican candidates, will not be opposed in the Illinois primary election. He will win the states's fifty delegates to the Republican convention.

Three million voters are expected to go to the polls for the second major test of strength of President Roosevelt's third term movement. The President led other Democratic candidates in the Wisconsin primaries last week.—United Press.

Gen. Abe Expects Much Criticism of Work

Sees Personal Danger in China Mission

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

Anticipation that the proper discharge of his duties as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the new Nanking Government may be expected to arouse criticism and carries with it a sense of grave personal danger was expressed by ex-Premier General Nobuyuki Abe at a recent gathering in Tokyo of prominent people hailing from his birthplace, says the "Nichi-nichi Shimbun."

The party was given in honour of the newly-installed Ambassador.

Responding to a speech by ex-Premier Gen. Senjuro Hayashi eulogizing his past services to the State and encouraging him to carry out his vital mission of negotiating an agreement with the new Chinese Government in accordance with the terms of the Konoye Statement, General Abe said his mission, viewed in proportion to the entire China incident, is but a small matter.

Criticisms Expected

"I expect many criticisms of the results of my work in China, specially in view of the difficulties in the way of the smooth development of the new regime in the future. I may be shot during my duties in China," he added "and return in ashes like a soldier killed on the battlefront. But it is my sincere desire, in that event, that at least all of you now present will welcome my remains back to my homeland."

Mr. Yoshiaki Hatta, president of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry and former Minister of Commerce and Industry, and M. Otokochi Shoji, president of the Toyo Spinning Co., have been chosen to accompany General Abe as economic representatives to Nanking, according to the Japanese press. Mr. Shoji has been chosen as the representative of Tokyo businessmen generally, while Mr. Hatta will represent Osaka industrialists.—Reuter.

S.M.P. Japanese Officials Meet

Exchange of Views On Various Matters

An exchange of views regarding outstanding problems involving the S.M.P. and the Japanese authorities, took place at the Japanese Naval Landing Party headquarters, Hainan Road, yesterday morning, when Japanese naval, consular and military representatives met high officials of the Shanghai Municipal Police. Representatives of the Japanese Consular police and Gendarmerie also attended.

Representatives from the S.M.P. included Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner; Capt. H. M. Smyth, Mr. T. Robertson, Mr. C. Akagi, and Mr. S. Uyehara, Deputy Commissioners; and Mr. A. H. Samson, Assistant Commissioner.

Mr. S. Sato, Superintending Japanese Consul, presided over the meeting which was ducted in a cordial manner.

No decisions were understood to have been reached as the various interested parties merely put forward their view points on outstanding matters.

Tientsin ex-Servicemen Adopt Amendments

Drop "Great War" from Association Title

Tientsin, Apr. 7.

The decision to drop the "Great War" qualification from its title was reached by the Tientsin United Services (Great War) Association during a meeting at which several other revolutionary changes were approved.

The meeting lasted only five minutes and the members further adopted a number of amendments to the Association's constitution.

Adding to the purposes for which the Association exists, one of the amendments provides for contributions to the aid of those wounded or disabled in active service under the British colours.

Membership regulations which previously provided for automatic eligibility of anyone who had served in the British forces during the Great War, have been altered to include as eligible those who had served or may serve in any war in which Great Britain has participated or hereafter may participate. Women war workers will be welcomed.—Havas.

Swedish Trade Experts Arrive in Paris

Paris, Apr. 7.

Two Swedish commercial experts arrived in Paris today for trade negotiations with the competent French authorities. The two visitors are M. Marcus Wallenberg, Stockholm bank director, and M. Boedmans, secretary-general of the Swedish Foreign Ministry.—Havas.

U.S. Aircraft Orders At $91,000,000

New York, Apr. 8.

Mr. Louis Johnson, Assistant Secretary of War, declared that foreign missions now in the United States are prepared, according to present indications to order more than $91,000,000 worth of aviation products. He added that the capacity of the aircraft industry was estimated at more than 17,500 machines annually.—Reuter.

Japanese German Trade Ban Suggestion Denied

Foreign Office Spokesman Discounts Report

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

Mr. Y. Suma, spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office, today denied a press report that Lord Halifax, British Foreign Secretary, had suggested to Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador in London, that Japan should voluntarily suspend her trade with Germany.

In consideration of that action, Lord Halifax was alleged to have told Mr. Shigemitsu, Britain was prepared to allow Japan special privileges in the exportation of raw materials from India and Australia to Japan.

Mr. Suma said that while Mr. Shigemitsu had discussed various questions with Lord Halifax on April 3, the British Foreign Secretary had not made such a proposal nor had such a suggestion been conveyed to the Japanese Government by the British Embassy in Tokyo.

Japan, the spokesman continued, depended heavily upon trade, not only with Germany but with other Powers. Wartime restrictions on trade, he continued, were inconveniencing Japan seriously because of their infringement on neutral rights.

This accounted for the Japanese support given Italy when Italian ships carrying German coal were detained at the Downs control station some time ago, he said.—Domei.

Japanese-Soviet Trade Agreements

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

Soviet-Japanese commercial negotiations are "neither deadlocked, nor have they broken down," Mr. Yakichiro Suma, spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office declared today.

He remarked significantly, however, that the Moscow conversations had reached an advanced stage, which claims the consideration of a more important thing, though it has not a political nature." The last meeting between the two delegations had been held on March 18, and the talks would be "further continued," Mr. Suma said.

Mr. Shikao Matsushima, former director of the Bureau of Commerce of the Foreign Office, who stopped in Moscow to assist Mr. Shigenori Togo, Japanese Ambassador, in the commercial negotiations, would soon proceed to his post at Stockholm in view of the importance assumed by Sweden in the present European situation, Mr. Suma said.—Domei.

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Refugees Will Be Repatriated

Shortage of Funds Makes Local Relief Body's Job Difficult

As the weather is becoming warm and as it is difficult to raise funds, the Shanghai Refugee Relief Society is planning to disperse refugees so as to reduce its burden, it is reliably learned. There are at present about 40,000 Chinese war refugees in Shanghai depending entirely on philanthropy and they require about $300,000 monthly for necessaries. There is a monthly deficit of about $40,000.

An official of the society states that this is only a plan and nothing definite has yet been done along this line. At present, Shanghai Chinese refugees are taken care of by the society and its branch in the Pootung Guild Building in Avenue Edward VII near Avenue Foch. Besides raising funds for maintaining refugees under its direct care, this Chinese refugee relief body, headed by Mr. Yu Ya-ching, has to supply food to Chinese refugee camps, small ones, which are under the direction of other public-spirited people.

The society's branch office looks after about 9,000 refugees in various camps and is also suffering financial stringency. It is said that the society is planning to send away as many refugees as possible trying to carry out the programme before the end of June. Many refugees have voluntarily asked for permission to leave. Most of them have come here from their war-torn districts in the interior in Chekiang and Kiangsu with their families. They want to return home. The society may give them travelling expenses when the plan takes shape.

The society will first send away self-supporting refugees who, although living in refugee camps, still have means at their disposal buying their own rice. Most of them are hawkers and workers and they come from areas on the outskirts of the city or neighbouring districts. Able-bodied men will also receive the first attention of relief workers in this respect but the old, invalid and refugee children will be taken care of. It is also planned that after winding up the refugee relief business, local Chinese relief workers may focuss their attention on bringing up orphans whose parenthood are traced to refugees.

New Regime to Denounce Chungking Treaties

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

As one of its first acts, the new Japanese-sponsored government under Mr. Wang Ching-wei will declare that all treaties and contracts concluded between Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's government and the powers are invalid from March 30, the date on which the new régime was established at Nanking, it is learned.—Reuter.

Japanese Plan Factories

Several factories are being planned for Shanghai by the Japanese, states the "Sin Wan Pao." Four million dollars have been earmarked as the capital for an oil plant to be erected in Nantao and the plant is being built. Besides this, a chemical industrial factory is also being planned for making soaps and other articles. Two electric machine manufacturing companies are also included in the plan. Another project is to establish a candy manufacturing firm in order to further their economic aggression programme, it is stated.

OBITUARY

Mr. A. H. Ferguson

Cabled news from London announces the death from heart failure of Mr. Archibald Hill Ferguson, chief manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

Mr. Ferguson joined the London management of the Bank in January 1933 and became chief executive in 1935. His early service was spent chiefly in the Straits and, after serving as accountant in Hongkong and New York, he was appointed manager of the Peking branch, a post he held from September 1917 to August 1921. He took over the management of the Hongkong Branch early in 1922 where he was to remain for the next eleven years until his promotion to the London management.

"Fergy" as he was generally known, became a well-known figure in the Colony. His cheery disposition, bonhomie and sense of humour endeared him to many friends and these qualities, combined with a keen business sense, made him a striking personality. In his young days he was a fine footballer but in later years devoted his energies to golf, of which he was a great exponent. He represented the Colony on many occasions in the interport matches with Shanghai.

Great sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Ferguson, formerly Miss Helen McEuen of Seattle, and their three daughters in their bereavement.

Maj.-Gen. A. C. Temperley

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 8.

Major-General Arthur Cecil Temperley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., died here yesterday at the age of 62 years.

Having received his education at Sherborne School and Queen's College, Cambridge, he joined the Northumberland Fusiliers in 1900, and was transferred to the Norfolk Regiment eight years later. Prior to the outbreak of the Great War, he served as General Staff Officer, New Zealand. He was mentioned in dispatches eight times during the World War. In 1925 until 1935 he worked as Military Representative at the League of Nations. Concurrently, he held the post of Deputy Director of Military Operations and Intelligence at the War Office, and of Head of the War Office Section of the British Delegation to the Disarmament Conference.

After retiring in 1935, Maj.-General Temperley became Military Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."—Reuter.

Chinese Forces Closing In on Nanning

Chungking, Apr. 8.

Chinese forces are closing in on Nanning, strategic town in south Kwangsi, according to Chinese field dispatches reaching here today.

Chinese troops concentrated east of the Nanning-Pingyang highway, northeast of Nanning, and east of the Nanning-Yamchow highway, south of the town, are said to be advancing on Nanning from the north and south in several columns.

Columns pushing westward, along the north and south banks of the Yu River, are reported to be making especially good progress. Their vanguard, it is stated, reached a point east of Nanning on the night of April 6.

One column, the dispatches add, has actually crossed the highway south of Nanning, effecting a junction with Chinese forces operating west of the town.—Reuter.

Japanese Seize Jewish Paper

Readers Urged To Remain Aloof of Local Politics

All copies of the "Gelbe Post," newest addition to the German-language Jewish refugee press in Shanghai, were confiscated by the Japanese yesterday morning when employees of the newspaper were about to commence distribution to subscribers living north of Soochow Creek.

In the leading article appearing in Sunday's issue of the paper, the progress of Shanghai ever since the first Britons set foot here is borne out and particular emphasis is laid on the wonderful work put in by British, French and American initiative during the past many years in making Shanghai the important centre it is today.

With reference to the Japanese, the writer of the article states that the refugees must be thankful to them not only for permitting them to live in areas in which the Japanese have exercised certain executive control since it became necessary for them to land troops here as a result of the hostilities near Shanghai, but also, that they have in many instances been most helpful to the refugees who are participating in the reconstruction of those areas.

Letter to Police Commissioner

In a written communication to the Commissioner of Police the publishers of the "Gelbe Post" yesterday pointed out that a number of persons dressed in black, apparently of Japanese nationality, had demanded the handing over of all copies of the newspaper on sale in a number of shops. In each instance the demands had been complied with.

The communication added that the shop owners had attempted to question these persons as to their identity, on whose behalf they were acting and the reason for their actions. It further pointed out that no receipts were issued against the delivery of the paper. Furthermore several street sellers were held up by persons in Japanese uniform and all issues of the "Gelbe Post" were taken away from them, the missive stated.

In alluding to local politics—not a word is said about the forthcoming elections—the writer urges refugees not to side with any factions at all and to remain outside the political sphere which, he continues, concerns only those who have important interests here and who have lived in Shanghai for many years and therefore are primarily interested in the future of the city.

Subscribers south of the Creek and in the French Concession received their copies as usual.

German State Debt Reported

Official Figures Set Sum At Rm. 41,040,000,000

Berlin, Apr. 8.

Germany's national debt in December, 1939, totalled 41,040,000,000 marks, according to official statistics released here yesterday.

The debt figure represented an increase of 1,860,000,000 marks in the Reich's national debt over November, 1939. The statistics indicate that the European war, in its early stages, was costing Germany 2,000,000,000 marks each month above current revenues for war purposes.—United Press.

Youths Appeal Against Death Sentence

Couple Who Killed Father To Have Case Reheard

The second Branch Kiangsu High Court in Shanghai will hear an appeal case tomorrow afternoon in connection with the murder of a Chinese father by his two sons, who were sentenced to death some months ago by the First Special District Court. The youths have appealed against the judgment passed by the lower court on the plea of hereditary mental derangement. It is expected by Chinese press circles that the case will draw the attention of a big crowd of visitors.

After receiving the death sentences, the youths, Chou Ching-chi and Chou Ching-hsiang and their mother, who was also sentenced to two years and six months' imprisonment charged with aiding and abetting in the crime, all signified their wishes to appeal against the judgment. Through their lawyers they succeeded in securing permission from the court to have judicial doctors examine them closely as they said that they were mentally unbalanced. The judicial doctors have completed their investigations hence the hearing.

It will be recalled that the youths killed their father sleeping in bed by means of electrocution at their home in Avenue Haig. After the murder, the youths were trying to dismember the body when the police suddenly intervened having been informed of the crime by one of their sisters.

During the many previous hearings, it was revealed that the youths committed the crime in order to save their mother, who was alleged to have been illtreated by their late father.

Shanghai Night Life To Be Filmed

Manchoukuo Movie Star Here For Purpose

The night life in Shanghai, a city which was termed as a city without evening by the Chinese press during the pre-war days, may be used as the subject-matter in a film being produced by some enterprising Japanese film business men in Manchukuo. The picture will be known as "China's Evening" or "An Evening in China."

In order to obtain actual scenes in the film, a movie star in Manchoukuo, Miss Li Hsiang-nan, has arrived in Shanghai with a Japanese colleague, according to the "Sin Shun Pao." They arrived here by 'plane on Sunday and after their arrival they first proceeded to Kiangwan to pay their respects to the Japanese military.

While making the visit, the two stars were surrounded by a surging crowd of onlookers and it was not until after 4 p.m. that they were able to proceed to the Astor House after the crowd had been dispersed. Miss Li was to have broadcast the movie story last night.

Robbers Get $5,000

About $5,000 worth of jewellery and clothing were stolen by five men, three of them armed, when they forced their way into a Chinese house at House 23, Lane 67, Zan Ka Jau Road, at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening. Detectives from Bubbling Well Police Station are investigating the case.

U.S. Socialists Issue Platform

Mr. Thomas Again Runs For Presidency; Policy Drafted to Avoid War

Washington, Apr. 8.

The Socialist Party yesterday nominated Mr. Norman Thomas as its candidate for the President for the fourth successive time.

Mr. Maynard Krueger, of the University of Chicago, was nominated Socialist candidate for the Vice Presidency.

The Socialist convention here adopted a nine-point programme yesterday in which the delegates opposed war and dictatorships.

The programme alleged that President Roosevelt's huge defence expenditures were designed to prepare the United States for war. The convention rejected a minority committee report favouring economic aid to the Allied Powers.

The convention also opposed the imposition of an economic embargo against Japan on the grounds that it might prove to be a cause for war between the United States and Japan.

The convention programme bitterly criticized the Roosevelt Administration for its failure to invoke the Neutrality Act in the Far East during the Sino-Japanese war. The convention, however, favoured the continuation of "independent working class action against Japan through the medium of a workers' boycott of Japanese and German goods.'"

The programme said the Roosevelt Administration had deliberately chosen to ignore the Neutrality Act with a view to profiting from the Far Eastern war. The United States, the programme said, had become the virtual partner of Japan in the latter's attack on China.

At the same time, the programme said, the Roosevelt Administration gave every evidence of being willing to go to war in Pacific waters to protect American investments in the Far East.

The programme demanded that the United States grant independence to all American colonial possessions including Puerto Rico and the Philippines.—United Press.

S.M. Council Members Thank Chairman

At the meeting of the Council held last Wednesday, Mr. W. J. Keswick, vice-chairman, referred to the fact that that was the last meeting of Council at which the chairman, Mr. C. S. Franklin, would be in the chair. He expressed to Mr. Franklin on behalf of his colleagues and himself the very sincere thanks of members for the leadership which he had given as chairman of Council. He stated that the chairmanship during the past year had to be conducted under conditions of extreme hazard and difficulty, and that Mr. Franklin had never spared himself in the discharge of his onerous responsibilities and in helping his colleagues. Members expressed unanimous concurrence in the tribute paid to Mr. Franklin.

In reply, Mr. Franklin thanked his colleagues and the permanent staff for their loyal support and co-operation and wished the Council future success.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Continued from page 2)

Cost of Living: A Man with No Increase

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I fully sympathize with your correspondent BUZZ regarding the inadequate salary most of the "heads" so generously pay their employees. I happen to be in a more unfavourable position than he, for, whether there is H.C.L. or no H.C.L., I have not yet had a single raise, notwithstanding the fact that I am doing a two-man's job in the office.

My "boss" is one of those inconsiderate, fat-headed capitalists, always eager to procure maximum labour for minimum pay. I am sure that the present tribulations that we are experiencing not at all penetrate the thick hide of many Shanghai employers, who enjoy all the splendours of life and daily wax fat and sleek.

I wonder if the day is nigh when we, labourers will receive measure for measure. When will justice thrive, and when will such exploitation of human labour cease?

No, BUZZ, if only ¼ nay ⅛ of our salaries were paid in U.S.$ we would all praise heaven. But alas, what I have just said is but a fantasy which is a false fire of an overheated mind!

FAIR PLAY.

Shanghai, Apr. 6.

Shanghai's Food: Responsibility for Prices

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The extremely interesting article on the Results of a Survey of the Food Supply of Shanghai, which appeared in your paper this morning draws attention to the existence of shameless profiteering on the supply of food to Shanghai at the expense both of the consumer and of the Chinese supplier.

The article also leaves no doubt (if any existed) that the enormous increase in the cost of the staple articles of food at source, in transportation charges, and, in marketing fees, is artificial and due to only one thing namely the opportunity which is given to Japanese adventurers of exploiting the public, by the Japanese Administration of the districts from which these food supplies come and over which they have to be transported before reaching the consumer.

In two days time voting in the Elections for the Shanghai Municipal Council will start and it seems to me to be appropriate that the notice of the Public particularly such of them as are ratepayers and entitled to a vote, should be drawn to this state of affairs.

A number of people in Shanghai are content to close their eyes to possibilities as long as they remain possibilities and even on this election issue European and American electors have been heard to question what disadvantage there would be in having three Japanese councillors.

Here is something which is not even a possibility but a fact. Everyone in Shanghai eats; everyone therefore knows how greatly the cost of food has increased and by comparison how serious this has become for persons whose earnings are very small. Everyone thus who is ignorant of the fact should be made aware that this is a result of Japanese administration the responsibility for which those administrators cannot escape.

As an embargo on supplies such as wheat and rice and profiteering on every other item of food is practized in areas which the Japanese at present control every Shanghai citizen should be alert to ensure that the International Settlement of Shanghai is kept free from Japanese administration and every citizen should realize that three Japanese councillors instead of two would, under present conditions, be sufficient to produce Japanese control.

POLITIKON ZOON.

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

Merchant Seamen: Fund for Comfort

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent's query re War Fund: British Merchant Navy, I beg to inform you that the Missions to Seamen in Shanghai has a small Comforts Fund to supply sailors and men of the gun crews of merchant ships coming from England with socks, sweaters, scarves etc.

A public appeal has not been made as it was felt that there were so many appeals to the generosity of the public since the commencement of the War.

Several friends and some officers of the Merchant Navy in this Port have however contributed to our Comforts Fund and the Chaplain has been able to deliver personally some 90 articles to the men of the Merchant Navy who have been most grateful for them.

As there is at present no Missions to Seamen Institute in Shanghai, Headquarters in London may decide to withdraw the Chaplain in which case definite arrangements will be made for someone else to distribute the gifts next winter.

J. M. WEAVER.
Hon. Treasurer,
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Shanghai, Apr. 5.

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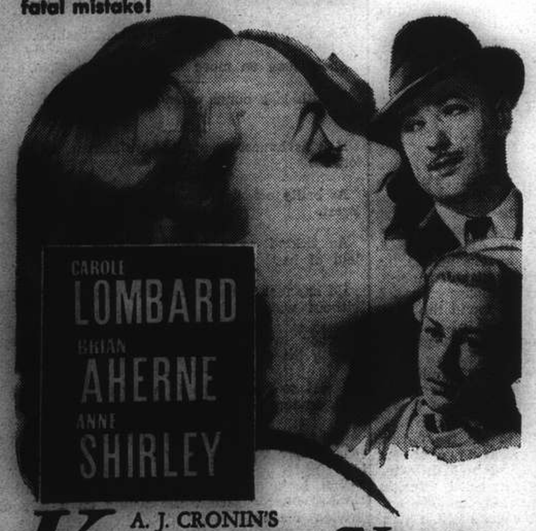

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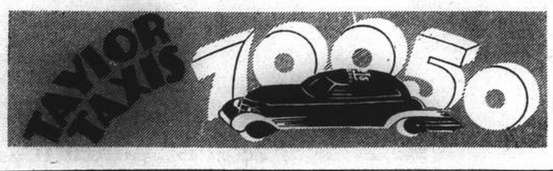

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THIS WEEK'S POLL

Tomorrow and Thursday being probably the two most important days in the history of the International Settlement it is important that the main issue involved in this year's municipal election shall be kept in mind. The one great question which will be answered as a result of the poll will be whether the ratepayers will consent to such an increased Japanese representation on the Municipal Council as will in effect give them complete control, or whether, at least for another year, the *status quo* shall be maintained. That is the only real question with which the ratepayers are concerned, and the responsibility for giving the correct answer lies entirely with them. It is unfortunate that these elections will have degenerated into a struggle between communities, between what may be roughly termed the Anglo-American on the one hand and the Japanese on the other, with a substantial number of neutral communities who may have a deciding vote in the matter. That state of affairs is wholly undesirable, but as it exists it will have to be faced fairly and squarely, with the hope that after all the shouting and tumult dies down it will be possible to accept the verdict of the ratepayers without any remnant of bad feeling which would do so much harm to the peaceful administration of this international city. It is essential that the *status quo* with regard to national representation on the Municipal Council shall be maintained, if only because it is imperative that the future constitution of the Council is a matter more for amicable negotiation than for battle by numbers at the polls, and there is always the possibility that if a respite is thus gained outstanding questions may be settled in a friendly manner, but a very grave danger of the reverse, should existing arrangements be so rudely upset as it is apparently desired in some quarters. It has again to be emphasized that the Japanese are perfectly within their rights in doing what they have done, and there can be no valid criticism of their action on that score.

The intervention of Mr. Ranald McDonald as an independent candidate constitutes in itself a threat to the position of the officially accepted British candidates, as likely to bring about a split vote which the straw vote was designed to prevent, and it has to be remembered that every British or American vote given to him is just so much more advantage to the Japanese candidates. It is only by a unanimous vote by the British and American voters that retention of the *status quo* can be ensured. There are undoubtedly those who believe that the record of the Council in the past has been so bad that a change is desirable no matter who may secure the predominating position. There are those who lightly accuse the Municipal Council of extravagance, people who criticized the Council for the economies it sought to effect in the early part of 1937, and who now criticize it because of the unfortunate position in which it finds itself through no fault of its own whatever. They would be exceedingly ill-advised if they were to follow the advice of the extremists who would argue that to throw out the "old gang" and hand the administration over to new people would be the best possible way of reforming the administration. But the claim that the administration needs reforming cannot be justified. Taking a dispassionate view of the whole matter it is astonishing, considering all that Shanghai has gone through during the past three years that the Municipal Council has done as well as it has. Living in a partial state of siege, with the whole of the economic life of the port badly disrupted it is a welcome and astonishing fact that the International Settlement has come through so well. That has been largely due to the wise and efficient administration which has been carried on by the Municipal Council, and it can with justice be claimed that to make any radical change at the present time would be to run the risks of damage to the future of the port which might prove very serious indeed. A complete departure from the occidental principles upon which the International Settlement has been administered through almost the century of its existence and the substitution therefor of a new and entirely different point of view, is not something which should be done in the present circumstances.

But even if the critics of the Municipal Council were correct in their allegations of extravagance and inefficiency, which it is contended they are not, the times demand that at any rate for the moment such action which those critics believe to be necessary should be postponed. A common front of the occidentals is required in the matter lest the Settlement should lose its internationality so far as its administration is concerned. The attempt to bring about a split in the Anglo-American vote should be fought to the utmost. The interests of the occidental community demands that the officially selected candidates should be returned to office, and that two Japanese as heretofore should also be elected. It must be apparent that if the British and American official candidates were returned, and also Mr. McDonald, that would amount to a reduction of the Japanese representation on the Council by fifty per cent. That is just as undesirable as a reduction in the number of seats held by the British and Americans or the loss of one of them to Mr. McDonald whose success in this matter will amount to a reverse to British and American communities. Here is the reason for urging upon voters that their best interests are served by plumping for the British and American selected candidates, voting for no one else but those seven. The Japanese can be expected to poll almost the whole of their votes in support of their own candidates. Occidental voters would be well advised to endeavour to turn out in equal strength to vote in defence of their own interests, for the seriousness of the challenge which the Japanese have issued by putting forward five candidates is such that no reasonable man can afford to ignore. Those interests can best be protected by ensuring that the seven selected candidates shall receive the whole of the British and American votes, and as many of other nationals as possible.

British Army Strength

General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the British General Staff, did not overstate the case last week when he declared that the British army, as part of the military strength of the Allies, is now ready for anything that Germany might contemplate in the way of offensive action. At the outbreak of hostilities, such a statement was impossible but the respite provided by the abstention of the German army from offensive action on a large-scale has resulted in the creation of efficient and rapidly-increasing British army to stand side by side with our French allies. Critics of compulsory army service in Britain naturally alternated between the two extremes of thought. Supporters of voluntary service believed that the essential spirit of the British fighting force would be lacking if any form of compulsory service were introduced. The opponents believed that compulsory military service should have been introduced years ago to provide for the present emergency. Actually, a happy mean has been struck. The militiamen idea before the war was accepted enthusiastically—conscientious objections to this form of service being extremely low—while since the war started classes have been registered and called up with an efficiency and acceptance which will provide a British army of 3,000,000 by June and a possible 5,000,000, in addition to the provision of a large mobilized surplus of "home-defence troops," the men who provide the sinews of war in munitions works, factories and shipyards. The hesitancy of the German high command—although not pinned to a definite attitude—to launch a large-scale attack is therefore comprehensible although General Ironside, a man of considerable knowledge and a soldier of considerable experience, readily admitted that things would have been infinitely worse last September if Germany had decided to strike. It is not possible at present to estimate the extent of the British national effort in manpower for the consumption of modern weapons means a far larger number of men in the factories producing for the men on the sea, at the front or in the air, but the link is provided by this connection which "The Times," boldly ignoring the guidance of Oxford or any other dictionary, emphasizes must be "to increase the through-put of men and the through-put of guns," obviously playing on the meaning of the word output.

The Inverted Bowl

A Chinese proverb has it that, "Though the rays of the sun and the moon are very bright, they cannot penetrate beneath an inverted bowl." No better description of the blanket laid down by the Germans on news from the outside world could have been thought of than this. No rays can penetrate beneath the inverted bowl of Nazi censorship. It is, perhaps, unfortunate that only one nation is going to suffer from this. For the Germans are cut off from all contacts with the outside world; they do not know what is being done and planned against them; they are not allowed to know, or otherwise they might be forced to change their opinions. A somewhat similar policy of inverting the bowl is being pursued by the Japanese in the present municipal election. They will not permit the facts, or what the other side believe to be the facts, to be known to any voters under their jurisdiction. This was evidenced yesterday in the summary confiscation of all copies of the German "Gelbe Post," which contained a reasonable article advising German Jewish refugees that they had little to do with the present Shanghai municipal quarrel, and that, therefore, they should abstain from casting votes for any side whatsoever. All copies of the paper which were to have been distributed North of the Creek, were confiscated by plainclothes Japanese. A non-provocative and eminently reasonable statement was suppressed by those who wish to keep a large section of the Shanghai public "under the bowl." This local instance of the suppression of views is nothing to what is happening in the European countries which are under the domination of Herr Hitler. There, not so much as a suspicion that the Nazis are losing the war and are putting Germany and the German people into a great deal more difficult position than they ever were in 1918, has been allowed to escape. But, unfortunately for the Nazis, the evidence of the stomach cannot be neglected. If a German can only obtain two eggs a month, he wants to know the reason why. If the reason is that other Powers have been trying to prevent the German nation's expansion into south-eastern Europe—the encirclement bogey—the German public may be pardoned if they consider it inadequate. But they have no opportunity to consider the facts in this light. They are "under the bowl." And no matter how bright are the rays of the sun or the moon, they cannot penetrate under an inverted bowl.

The Ankara Sails

It will be interesting to see what happens in connection with the German vessel Ankara, which, it is reported, has now left Dubrovnik with a cargo of bauxite on board for Trieste whence, if it reaches that port, the cargo will be transported overland by rail to Germany. The captain of the vessel has two choices of route, one skirting the Yugoslav coast within territorial limits, and the other to take to the open sea. Both have their dangers. Even with a Yugoslav pilot on board the dangerous reefs abounding in these waters make such a voyage positively perilous, though it does afford an opportunity of evading the British war vessels which are reported to be on the look-out for her. Should the captain decide to take to the open sea, to which he may be forced despite the assistance of the pilot, the British navy has an opportunity of picking her up, though it has to be remembered that as the Ankara's voyage would be rather less than 600 miles, the navy will have to be quick if it is to intercept her. The report that Italy and Yugoslavia may decide to close the Adriatic to all war vessels is interesting and important. The Strait of Otranto being about fifty miles wide is not all territorial waters, and the Allied navies commit no breach of international law in this matter if they choose to enter the Adriatic. On the other hand to seek to close those waters to all war vessels would in fact amount to a departure from neutrality, for it is obvious that as the German navy is in no position to make use of them, and the Allies are, it is designed to hamper the freedom of movement which superiority at sea has secured for them. It is to be hoped that this step will not be taken, for otherwise it may have the effect of seriously prejudicing the position in the Mediterranean.

ALONG THE HIGHWAYS

April 6.—We picked a small bunch of wild Forget-me-not today in the Hungjao area. The small blue flowers, growing on curiously shaped racemes, were found in a secluded spot close to a grave mound together with many other wild flowers, but they were the most attractive of all. I see that this plant has been identified as *Trigonotis peduncularis*, an Asiatic species of the European Myosotis. Linnaeus named the plant Myosotis from a fancied resemblance seen in the leaves to the ear of a mouse—*myos*, a mouse, and *otos*, an ear. As we found the plant near a grave, we were reminded of a legend connected with the common name Forget-me-not. It appears that a young couple were walking along the bank of the river Danube the evening previous to their wedding. The bride-to-be observed a flower floating by and it was so beautiful that she wanted it; the poor groom-to-be, eager to please, tried to get the flower, but fell in the river. As he went down for the third time, he grasped the flower and, throwing it to the Lady of his dreams, he cried, "Vergiss mein nicht." I trust that my lady readers will no take advantage of that legend when next they see some nice Orchids in a flower shop window. We observe that the Chinese oil cabbage is beginning to change the colour of the countryside to yellow. This early variety is probably *Brassica campestris*, var: *oleifera;* not the true rape plant. We wonder whether our schoolboy readers will be angry when we tell them that we saw many Tadpoles during the week-end. One of the old favourites in the garden has been providing us with plenty of flowers during the past week, we refer to *Cydonia japonica*—the Romans know the fruit of this tree as *Mala Cydonia* (Apples from Cydon, a town in Crete). We grow it for its flowers and we prefer the strong-coloured varieties to the pinkish whites.—W.J.K.

CAREER AS TEA BLENDER

Lady's Contribution to Gracious Living

Thirty years ago Miss Gertrude Ford decided to make the perfection of tea blending her contribution to the art of gracious living. The commercial success which has attended her efforts is still subordinated in her reckoning to the achievement of a satisfying mixture. Although 300 hotels, restaurants and clubs from New York City to Pasadena regularly serve teas she blends without the enterprising mediation of a travelling salesman, the woman back of the idea is more pleased with the plaudits of a discriminating tea drinker than she is with the pages of her order book. The praise of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII, who was introduced to her Orange Pekoe on his visit to New York and who took some of it back to his homeland, is one of her treasured memories.

Before she was 20, Miss Ford went to the United States from her home near Toronto in the hope of helping to recoup her family's fortunes. Her one talent was for cake making. She originated a confection-like tea cake which appeared on 133 menus under as many different names. Its success was spoiled for the young woman by the poor quality of the tea which was served with it. That gave her the impetus to try to change tea-drinking habits in the United States.

Tested Tea Blends Two Years

Miss Ford worked on tea blending for two years before she decided upon a mixture to which she would give her name. She now has six, in one of which she combines thirteen varieties. Through friends living in India, she established contact with the foremost tea growers of that country. Experiments convinced her that she had a natural gift for tea-tasting. After the fall of Czarist Russia quality teas which had gone exclusively to that country were made available to her. To insure uniformity of her blends, her tea is bought by her agents at the same season, every year.

"Western people," she recalls, "had a decided preference for green tea and Easterners preferred black. Now all this is changed. About seven out of eight homes in America as a whole use black tea, in which category the supreme favourite, Orange Pekoe, falls. Sixty per cent. of tea served in restaurants is black. The green or unfermented tea is still an individual choice but has no great sectional following as it once had. Forty-two per cent. of the American people drink the beverage clear, 19.2 per cent. use lemon and 38.5 per cent. prefer milk or cream. I have heard it said that there is more tea drinking during times of economic difficulty because of the saving on cream and sugar, without which few coffee drinkers are satisfied."

Miss Ford added that good tea can be spoiled by bad brewing and that poor tea can be made palatable by proper treatment in the kitchen. "You hear people say that they let their tea stand to get strong so it can be diluted with hot water, but the strength they get is the tannic acid. Properly, all tea should be made in a pot. The pot should be scalded but the tea should not be dropped in before the rapidly boiling water is ready. It should be poured over the leaves and in from three to five minutes they should be taken out. I prefer three minutes. There is no other trick to good tea."

IN PARENTHESIS

Land Ho

It had been rather a rough crossing and Mike was cowering in the cabin moaning and groaning.

Pat came dashing in. "Come on up," he cried excited. "We're passing a big ship."

"I don't want to see a big ship," muttered Mike. "Call me when we are passing a tree!"

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Cheaper

OVER a glass of ale, two old chaps were discussing the price of coal.

One said to the other: "What do you pay for coal?"

"We don't use coal now," was the reply. "We've got central heating."

"But you need coal for central heating?"

"Not with our system. We suck peppermints."

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Short of Fuel

THE warden was having a terrible lot of bother fitting an old lady with a gas mask. None of the standard sizes seemed to fit her. The straps weren't in the right place, she complained.

He struggled and coaxed for a long time and when at last everything seemed settled, she asked, "And now where do I get my gas?"

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Only Use

THE lady who "wanted frightfully to write" was introduced to the successful author, and she was pestering him with questions about his profession.

"What kind of typewriter do you suggest I should buy?" she asked.

"Well, I found a portable more handy," the great man replied. "For one thing, it was easier to carry to the pawnbrokers!"

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Sky High

"ERSATZ" is the German word for the substitute materials which are so largely employed in Germany's building and other industries.

A 19-year-old soldier, "comedian" of a platoon was discovered by his sergeant writing on a wall:—

Before Allied shelling .....Ersatz
During ditto .....Howzat?
After ditto .....Where Zat?

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No Play

THE class was restless, and then the teacher had an inspiration.

"Are you all interested in football?" he asked.

"Yes," chorused the class.

"Then," said the teacher, "write an essay on football. First boy to finish to go home immediately."

In two minutes Tommy Speedwell had finished. This was his essay: "Match abandoned—snow."

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Oddments

HE's as square as a ski-jumper's shoes.

She had an eye like a cafeteria cashier.

She's been on more laps than a napkin.

Wealth is a curse when the neighbours have it.

He's as honest as a night watchman with insomnia.

As badly off as a woodpecker in the petrified forest.

As tickled as a nudist walking through a field of hay.

He has feet like camels—they can go for days without water.

Money won't buy everything—unless you have a lot of it.

I feel so small I could wear a silk hat and walk under a duck.

She's so friendly it would take an ostepath to rub her the wrong way.

You look as sad as a ship-wrecked sailor slapped on the face while sitting on a pile of broken bottles.

Allies Lay Minefields In Norwegian Waters

French and British Ships Sow Mines at Dawn in Three Vital Areas to Force Nazi Vessels into High Seas Blockade Patrols

London, Apr. 8.

THE Allies have given notice to Norway that they reserve the right to take such measures as they may think necessary to hinder or prevent Germany from obtaining resources and facilities in Norway, it is revealed by a statement broadcast early today by the British and French Governments.

The British and French Governments, the statement declared, had resolved to deny the use of territorial waters for carrying contraband. They gave notice that three areas of Norwegian territorial waters had been rendered dangerous to navigation by mines, and vessels entering did so at their peril.

The mined Norwegian waters mentioned in the statement by the British and French Governments this morning are three small but vital areas close to the coast, each commanding a fjord and port. The most important is near Bodoe, commanding the entrance to the West Fjord and the Arctic port of Narvik, from where the Germans have been shipping Swedish iron ore. All three points lie north of the main European shipping routes, the most southerly being off Stadland, at the entrance to the North Fjord, and 110 miles north of Bergen. The third area is off Christiansund, 120 miles northeast of Stadland, and between it and Narvik.

Reuter understands that the minefields in Norwegian territorial waters were successfully laid at dawn, and was a joint operation carried out by the British and French Fleets.

Reuter learns that the operation of mine laying off the Norwegian coast took only one hour and was completed successfully without interference. It is not known whether any Norwegian ships were on the scene.

The Norwegian Government was informed of the Allied operation at the very earliest possible moment. Radio was used to give first news, because it was urgently necessary to warn shipping.

It is stated in official circles that while the mined areas will not interfere with free access to Norwegian ports, or even coastal hamlets, coastal shipping will have to pass outside territorial waters. This indeed is the main purpose of the Allied operation, but it is claimed that Norwegian shipping will be no more secure inside territorial waters than outside.

"To avoid the possibility of Norwegian and other vessels inadvertently entering these areas, they will be patrolled by British naval vessels until 48 hours after laying the first mine, the allied statement said.

"The Allies will never follow the German example of brutal violence, and mine-laying will not interfere with the free access of Norwegian ships to their own ports."

German Brutality Cited

In recent weeks, the statement said, the German campaign against merchant shipping of all nations had been intensified and pursued with even greater brutality than before. The number of neutral ships destroyed by German action was now more than 150, and the number of neutral subjects lost nearly 1,000. It is obvious that the German Government is engaged in an indiscriminate campaign of destruction.

"In recent weeks, the greatest losses have fallen on neutral shipping, but Allied vessels also suffered from adoption of the policy of destruction, a new development of which is nearly 200 air bombing attacks on British and neutral trawlers and fishing-boats, and the machine-gunning of their crews. Even light-ships which, by international usage, are treated as non-combatants, have been ruthlessly attacked with bombs. It is abundantly clear that the purpose behind them is pure terrorism.

Allied Consideration Stated

"The Allies, on the other hand, have never destroyed nor injured a single neutral ship, or taken a single neutral life. On the contrary, they have saved the lives of many innocent victims of these German outrages, and rescued from drowning airmen and submarine crews who had been guilty of the inhumanities in question.

"International law has always recognized the right of a belligerent, when its enemy systematically resorted to illegal practices, to take action appropriate to the situation. Such action, even though not lawful in ordinary circumstances, becomes, and is generally recognized to become, lawful in view of the other belligerent's violation of international law. The Allied Governments are entitled to take such action as they may deem proper in present circumstances. Whatever may be the actual policy which non-belligerent governments, by German threats and pressure, are compelled to follow, the

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Whitehall Parleys On Balkans Open

Lord Halifax Confers With Envoys; Means to Tighten Contraband Control Sought

London, Apr. 8.

It is officially stated the Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, will preside at a meeting this afternoon of British envoy to Balkan countries. The meeting is set for 4 o'clock at the Foreign Office. It will be attended by Ambassadors to Russia and Turkey as well as Ministers to Greece, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria. The Ambassador to Italy also will be present.

Another meeting is set for 3 o'clock on Tuesday.

Reuter learns that there will be further meetings and at least one will be held at the Ministry of Economic Warfare.—Reuter.

Turkish Press Watching

Ankara, Apr. 8.

The Turkish press saw the Balkans as the next hot spot in Europe's war, where conditions were reported as most trying due to the pressure of Germany and the Allies to further their war aims. There is great speculation as to how the Allies will blockade the Balkan products bound for Germany.—United Press.

Bulgarian Trade with Allies

Sofia, Apr. 7.

Prospects of increased Allied-Bulgar trade and measures which the Allies will take to strengthen their blockade drew much comment in the Bulgarian press and political quarters today.

Observers pointed out that while before the war, the Bulgarian man-in-the-street accused Britain and France of neglecting Bulgar trade markets while Germany cultivated them, today this situation has been reversed.

Germany, Bulgarian quarters asserted, is already feeling the economic pinch of the war and experiences difficulty in supplying Bulgaria with certain raw materials which it is treaty-bound to supply. The Allies, on the other hand, have an abundance of these materials. Moreover, as the newspaper "Outro" put it: "Britain and France have powerful means at their disposal to achieve their plans, for they can pay with gold and foreign currency and can furnish the neutrals the products that the Reich cannot deliver."

Complications may arise if the Allies actually take the initiative in trade with the neutrals, it was said, however, particularly since such initiatives may prove only temporary, leaving the neutrals in a dubious position after the war.—Havas.

Pressure on Japan to Tighten Blockade

Allies Seek Self-Imposed Ban from Tokyo in East

London, Apr. 8.

Pressure will be brought to bear on Japan by the Allies to secure a self-imposed ban by Japanese shipping on shipments of contraband to Germany through Vladivostock, well-informed circles indicated today.

Coupled with the launching of a ruthless Allied blockade along the Scandinavian coasts, the British Navy would begin contraband control measures against Vladivostok, it was persistently reported. Well-informed circles, however, declared that the British Government would avoid exercising its belligerent rights in the Sea of Japan or near Japanese territorial waters to avoid friction with Japan in view of the plain and repeated warnings from Tokyo that the Japanese Navy would take strong exception to such action.

All vessels, except Japanese, bound from the Netherlands East Indies or the Phillippines to Vladivostok would be subjected to contraband control before entering the Sea of Japan, they said.

In exchange, the British Government probably would seek an understanding with Tokyo for a self-imposed Japanese ban on contraband transport, it was stated.—Domei.

Captured German Ship Unloads at Millwall

Uhenfels Proves Valuable Treasure Ship

London, Apr. 8.

The German 8,000-ton freighter Uhenfels, which was captured in the South Atlantic last November and brought up the Thames by tugs last Friday, has almost completed unloading at the Millwall docks.

She has proved to be a veritable treasure ship. It is estimated that the ship and its cargo are worth roughly £750,000, including tons of oil cake and groundnuts suitable for making margarine.

The Uhenfels is the first German ship to reach London since the outbreak of the war.—Reuter.

Mr. Chamberlain to Speak on Mining

London, Apr. 8.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will make a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow regarding the mining of Norwegian territorial waters.—Reuter.

German Fleet On Move to Norway Coast

Tanker and Submarine Sunk in First Clashes; Norway Lodges Protest

Oslo, Apr. 8.

It is now confirmed that between 90 and 100 German warships were sighted this morning steaming north in the Kattegat and the Great Belt. They included several large warships, in addition to auxiliary craft and armed trawlers.

An unidentified warship was sighted this morning off Bud, on the west coast of Norway, south of Trondheim, according to press reports. A big warship was also seen from Hustadvika, just north of Bud.

It is reported from Bodoe, in north-west Norway, that ordinary coastal traffic is being stopped.

The newspaper "Dagbladet" reports that considerable naval forces were seen proceeding northwards in the Kattegat today.—Reuter.

German Warships in Kattegat

Copenhagen, Apr. 8.

Fifteen German warships reached the Kattegat, north-east Denmark, about midday, reliable quarters reported today but the reports could not be confirmed. The destination of the ships was not given.—United Press.

"Serious, Solemn Protest"

Oslo, Apr. 8.

"A serious and solemn protest" against the Allied decision to mine Norwegian territorial waters was handed to the British and French Ministers by the Norwegian Government today.

"This morning the British and French Governments," a statement says, "allowed mines to be placed in three areas in Norwegian territorial waters with the aim of stopping free shipping within Norwegian territory, and British warships have been sent to patrol these areas. The Norwegian Government makes a serious and solemn protest against this open breach of international law, and such violation by force of Norwegian sovereignty and neutrality.

"Throughout the war, Norway has observed all rules of neutrality with the strictest care. By keeping her waters open to all legitimate traffic of ships belonging to belligerent countries Norway has acted according to generally-acknowledged rules. The British and French Governments have now taken steps to stop this traffic.

"The Norwegian Government is bound to remind them of the fact that this year the British Government signed an agreement with Norway, in which it was stipulated that Norwegian goods—even goods regarded as contraband—may be sold by and exported from Norway to Germany.

"Therefore, the Norwegian Government could not have reason to expect that the Allied Governments would forcibly intervene and try to stop this traffic.

"The Norwegian Government cannot in any way agree to belligerent countries placing mines in Norwegian territorial waters. The Government must claim that such mines be removed at once, and that patrolling by foreign warships shall cease.

"The Norwegian Government must reserve the right to take such appropriate measures as this violation of our neutrality may demand."—Reuter.

British Warship Sinks U-Boat

Oslo, Apr. 8.

A tanker of unknown nationality was torpedoed at 3.05 p.m. today off Rauer, near the Sanderfjords-fjord.

A British warship was reported today to have sunk a German U-boat off Lillesand in the Skaggerak area.

The submarine was reported sunk in battle between the warship, two submarines and several aeroplanes. Four bodies were beached at Lillesand. Their nationality could not be ascertained.

A large German fleet was moving toward the north via Kattegat, an extra edition of the "Dagbladet" said today. The fleet was said to consist of fifteen ships, most of which were reported to be steaming by the Great Belt while six vessels were said to be moving by Oersund.—United Press.

German Ship Attacked

Gotheburg, Apr. 8.

The German steamer Kreta sent out an S.O.S. at 2.25 p.m. today because an enemy submarine had attacked it in the Skaggerak area off the Faerder lightship.—United Press.

German Troop Movements

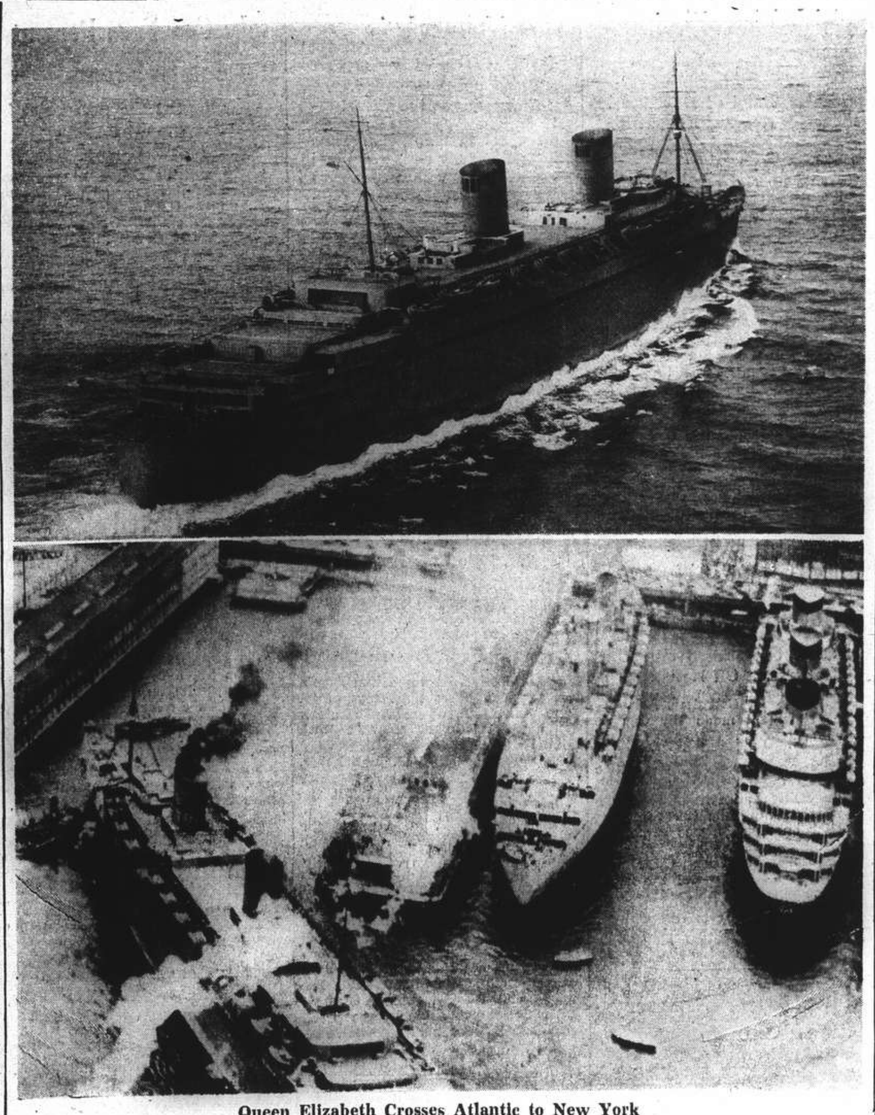
Paris, Apr. 8.

German troop concentrations in various areas in Germany are reported to have increased. The French attitude is one of wait and see. According to well-informed circles, it is impossible to say whether the concentrations are just for purposes of bluff, or whether landings on the coast of Sweden, Denmark or Holland are being envisaged.—Reuter.

Berlin Reticent

Berlin, Apr. 8.

Authoritative sources today declined either to confirm or deny foreign reports that the German fleet was moving north in the Baltic.—United Press.



Queen Elizabeth Crosses Atlantic to New York

Her sides painted a dull grey to camouflage her, the great Cunard-White Star liner Queen Elizabeth recently arrived in New York after completion on the Clyde. Upper picture shows the mighty liner off the American coast. Lower, the Queen Elizabeth being assisted into the dock at New York by tugs.

Sweden Regards Allied Move As Violating Neutrality

Copenhagen Report Presages Imminent German Retaliation; Paris Cheered by Initiative

Stockholm, Apr. 8.

NO official announcement has yet been made regarding the Allies' action in mining Norwegian territorial waters, but Swedish official circles consider it a flagrant violation of neutrality, which cannot be too strictly condemned. The main topic in newspapers continues to be speculation on the nature of Britain's Notes. Well-informed circles believe they constitute a warning to Scandinavia not to submit to German threats. The "Stockholms-Tidningen" says the Notes are the first move in an Allied spring offensive extending also to the Balkans. The Swedish Minister of Defence has meanwhile announced a tightening up of Sweden's neutrality guard as a result of the present situation.—Reuter.

"Scandinavian Peace in Utmost Danger"

Copenhagen, Apr. 8.

"Peace in Scandinavia is in utmost danger," says M. Jacob Kronika, Berlin correspondent of the "National Tidende." "These words are not the outcome of a panic," he asserts. "The gravity of the situation is so serious, dangerous and threatening that all persons in the Nordic States must carefully and resolutely consider their position.

"It is considered in Berlin that, owing to the war policy of the Western Powers, Norway and Sweden may no more be regarded as being neutral, and it is emphasized in German circles that these countries are not showing enough effort to protect their neutrality."

"In Berlin," the correspondent adds, "it is believed that the Allies are trying to encircle Germany by military intervention in Scandinavia. It is apparent that Germany is ready to strike very quickly and in the most unexpected way."

The Norwegian Premier, M. J. Nygaardsvold, and the Foreign Minister, M. Halvdan Koht, met early this morning, according to a dispatch from Oslo to the "Berlingske Tidende." Following a special summons, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Norwegian Parliament met at 10 a.m. According to the Scandinavian Telegram Bureau, Sir Cecil F. J. Dormer and M. Andre Bruere, British and French Ministers respectively, called at the Norwegian Foreign Ministry at 7 a.m.—Reuter.

French Public Hails Move

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Apr. 8.

No news since that of the boarding of the German "hell ship" Altmark has had such a tonic effect on the French public as the Allied announcement that mine fields have now been laid in Norwegian waters to prevent German iron ore ships reaching Germany. There is a general feeling that at last the Allies are acting first and talking afterwards.

An official statement on the Allied mines move is expected after a joint meeting of the Cabinet and the Foreign Affairs Committee this morning —Reuter.

Germany Shows Nervousness

Amsterdam, Apr. 8.

Britain's intensified activity regarding neutrals has caused a wave of nervousness in German political circles, it is learned. While the Wilhelmstrasse is working at full pressure on reports and plans affecting the new situation, German newspapers are filled with angry, scornful articles denouncing Britain.

The "Volkischer Beobachter" describes the British Notes to Norway and Sweden as "doubtless another threat" and the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" calls them a "diplomatic preface to extension of the war."

German official circles forecast no immediate counter-measures by Germany but emphasize that the attitude of neutrals is being closely scrutinized. Many observers forecast a full-dress Scandinavian crisis as the next phase

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Britons in Grade III To Be Called Up

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 8.

Men registering for the Colours who, on being medically examined, were placed in Grade III, are now to be called up for Army service. According to the Ministry of Labour, the men affected are those who, but for defects of eye-sight, would have been placed in Grade I or Grade IIA. Approximately 56,000 men were placed in Grade III since the outbreak of the war until February 10, and they will probably replace those in higher medical categories, who are now doing clerical work.

Since the war the percentage of men who registered in England, Scotland and Wales as conscientious objectors had steadily declined. Of 1,349,000 who registered for military service since the war began, only 24,390 declared themselves to be conscientious objectors, representing 1.80 per cent.—Reuter.

Adriatic Becomes Focus of Action

Italy and Yugoslavia May Ban All Warships; Allied Blockade Tested

Rome, Apr. 8.

Italy and Yugoslavia were considering the advisability of closing the Adriatic to all foreign warships to prevent extension of the war today, after it had been reported that three Yugoslav freighters were searched by British naval units, authoritative sources here said.

The Yugoslavian Minister called on the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, yesterday for a discussion of this possibility, the same sources said.—United Press.

Yugoslavia Denies Proposals

Belgrade, Apr. 8.

Italy has not made a proposal to close the Adriatic to Yugoslavia, well-informed quarters said today but said they believed there already had been an exchange of views on the subject.

It was held here that the Nyon Conference decision, which prohibits control of shipping in the Adriatic, provides an important precedent.

Official quarters believed the German ship Ankara, loaded with 4,000 tons of bauxite, had reached Italian waters without having been subjected to British control.—United Press.

German Ship Sets Sail

Belgrade, Apr. 8.

With 4,000 tons of bauxite (aluminium ore) in her holds, the German freighter Ankara put out of Dubrovnik on Saturday bound for Trieste, from where her cargo is to be transported to Germany by rail.

The Ankara's trip, although carried out within Yugoslav and Italian territorial waters, may have far-reaching repercussions on navigation in the whole of the Adriatic, it was stated here yesterday evening.

Just before departure as the period of grace granted by the Yugoslav authorities expired, the captain of the Ankara made a last-minute request that he be given a naval escort and a pilot to help him in his voyage through the rock-studded territorial waters off the tortuous Yugoslav coast. This request was turned down by the authorities, but the German skipper was undaunted. He anchored a few miles out of Dubrovnik and secretly sent for a Yugoslav pilot, Vekarich, whom he bribed with 25,000 dinars, to steer his ship to Italian waters. Vekarich, in accepting the bribe, betrayed his profession, pilots in Dubrovnik stated.—Havas.

Reich Hardest Hit in Yugoslav Plan To Cut Down All Exports

German-Yugoslavian Clearing Agreement Due To Expire at End of April; New Issue Seen

Belgrade, Apr. 7.

Serious difficulties will most probably arise between Yugoslavia and Germany toward the end of this month when their clearing agreement expires, for Yugoslavia plans to enforce a new programme strictly cutting down all her exports, it was learned today.

An inter-ministerial committee will be formed by the War Ministry to study such a plan and the question will also be taken up at Fiume tomorrow, when Italo-Yugoslav trade negotiations are to begin.

The Yugoslav delegation will request a reduction in the number of cattle that Italy wishes to import from Yugoslavia.

While all of this country's clients will be affected by the Government's decision to assure its own supplies first, Germany will be the hardest hit of all, Yugoslav quarters admitted. Yugoslavia already lacks pigs and cattle for breeding purposes, it was pointed out. Her industries, too, need more raw materials. There is only one way out of this situation: to cut down exports.

The new inter-ministerial committee will therefore attempt first to bring down the volume of exports to the pre-war level and then gradually decrease it further.

In Germany's case, quotas established last autumn pledged the Reich annual Yugoslav products totalling 10,000 wagon-loads of wheat, 2,500 wagon-loads of flour, 45,000 tons of vegetable oil, 300,000 pigs and considerable quantities of raw materials and minerals.

Whatever may be German pressure to have Yugoslavia maintain these quotas in future, the Yugoslav Government will not yield, it was stated here. Some of the quota figures will be halved and in other cases, as in the export of pigs, the whole quota will be wiped out.—Havas.

R.A.F. Clash With Big German Squadron Near Metz

Nazi Fighter Downed After Aerial Combats; Western Front Activities Much Intensified

London, Apr. 8.

A FIGHTER patrol of the Royal Air Force encountered a large formation of enemy combat planes in the neighbourhood of Metz yesterday, the headquarters of the British Air Force in France announces. The enemy formation was attacked and numerous combats were fought at a great height. One Messerschmitt 109 was shot down near Houle-y-Moselle. All the British planes returned safely.

During a patrol over the North Sea yesterday afternoon British air scouts encountered enemy fighters, the Air Ministry announces. One enemy plane was destroyed and at least one more is believed to have been damaged. Two British machines failed to return. No official statement was available here last night regarding German claims that two British bombers were brought down in a clash 100 miles north of Sylt.

The air-raid alarm was sounded in the Shetlands today. It is learned that one German plane was seen over the Shetlands mainland, apparently engaged on reconnaisscane. Anti-aircraft guns were in action, but no bombs were dropped.

The latest reports on yesterday's air engagement over the North Sea, about 100 miles north of Sylt island, show that German fighters concentrated their attack on a small section of Wellington bombers, which were flying some distance astern of the main British formation.

Four Messerschmitt 110 twin-engine fighters engaged this section at a height of 10,000 feet. Diving down from the clouds, they made a series of attacks, concentrating their fire on two Wellingtons at the rear of the formation. It was these two aircraft which failed to return from the action.

Flying in close defensive formation, the British bombers fought back on their faster opponents, and early in the engagement one enemy aircraft was seen to go down in flames. Its destruction was confirmed by observers in two of the British aircraft. Other German fighters are known to have been damaged, and a second Messerschmitt is also believed to have been destroyed.—Reuter.

French Down Four Nazis

Paris, Apr. 8.

There was considerable activity in the air yesterday, five enemy planes being shot down, one by the Royal Air Force, states a French Army communique.

A German Junker aeroplane was brought down last night following an aeral flight over the Hautes Tone region. The machine fell in flames, the four occupants being killed.

"Intense artillery fire in the region west of the Vosges," records the latest French communique on military operations on the Western Front, issued here today. "There was local activity of patrols," it adds.—Reuter.

Western Front More Lively

With French Army, Apr. 8.

Increased liveliness has been noticeable on the Western Front in the past two or three weeks, but whether it is a prelude to sterner action remains to be seen. Notable intensification of artillery action occurred at the western end of the active front and probably three or four times as many shells are being used than a month ago.

Observation posts, roads and even villages in no man's land—for a long time more or less immune from destruction—are now receiving unwelcome attention. Working parties are constantly interrupted in their labours and have shown more caution than formerly.

One feature common to all sectors is the increased determination of patrols, both in their attempts to capture prisoners and obtain information. Engounters are more severe and objectives more daring.—Reuter.

Berlin Communique

Berlin, Apr. 8.

Twenty-four British bombers of the Vickers and Wellington types were attacked 100 miles north of Sylt by German fighter planes, the official agency claims two British planes German news agency states. Three were brought down and the others forced to fly westward. German craft suffered no losses, the agency claims.—Reuter.

Further German Claims

Berlin, Apr. 8.

Four enemy planes were shot down over the West Front yesterday while three German planes were missing, the High Command announced today. —United Press.

Japan Trade with U.S. Declines

Notable Increase Seen In Purchases by Allies For September-February

Washington, Apr. 8.

The value of United States' exports from September, 1939 until February, 1940 was 33 per cent. above the corresponding period of 1938-39, according to figures just released by the Department of Commerce.

Asia increased purchases by 33 per cent.

Japanese trade with the United States declined 46 per cent. between January and February, after abrogation of the Japanese-American Treaty of Commerce and Navigation.

Japan's total purchases for the period from September, 1939 until February, 1940, however, were fourteen per cent. over the same period in 1938-39.

Europe took 44 per cent. of a total of $1,949,000,000 (£487,000,000) worth of exports. Of these, the United Kingdom took $318,000,000 worth, which was fourteen per cent. above the figures for the same period of 1938-39, but thirteen per cent. less than two years ago.

Exports to France are valued at $149,000,000, double these during the same period of 1938-39.

Sales of aircraft totalled $91,000,000, compared with $31,000,000 in the previous corresponding period. The Allies were the heaviest buyers.

The war has caused gains in the exports of tobacco, grains, fruits and motor-cars.—Reuter.

Tientsin Dispute Still Unsettled

Anglo-Japanese Talks Do Not End Dispute

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

The Japanese Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Yakichiro Suma, said today that he did not believe the Anglo-Japanese dispute in Tientsin would be settled within a week or ten days as reported from London.

"I hope the reports are true," Mr. Suma said, "but I do not think they are."

The Anglo-Japanese dispute over the disposition of Chinese silver held in the Tientsin British Concession, and similar questions, it was recalled, were responsible for the Japanese blockade being enforced against the Tientsin foreign concessions.

Mr. Suma denied reports that Britain had requested Japan to terminate her trade with Germany.

"That would be an infringement of our neutral rights," Mr. Suma said.—United Press.

Noted U.S. Jewish Leader Passes

Dr. Cyrus Adler Dies At Age of 76; Notable Scholar and Diplomatist

Philadelphia, Apr. 8.

Dr. Cyrus Adler, well-known American publicist and Jewish leader, died here today at the age of 76 years. As President of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Adler published, in 1933, "The Jews in Germany," a documented account of Nazi attacks on the Jews.

He played a part in settling a number of international questions concerning the Jews. He was also a distinguished scholar, and did much for Jewish learning in America.

He was born on September 13, 1863, at Van Buren, Arkansas. His father, a small-town merchant, died when he was three. The family moved to Philadelphia, and Dr. Adler was educated there before going to the University of Pennsylvania.

He went on to Hebrew studies at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, became a Doctor of Philosophy in 1887, and remained there until 1893 to teach Semitic languages. He also became a lecturer in Biblical archæology at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, of which he was later President.

President Cleveland made Dr. Adler a special commissioner for the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition at Chicago. He helped to organize the American sections at a number of exhibitions during the 'nineties, and went on special missions to the East.

Friendship for Dr. Langley

In 1893, Dr. Adler became librarian at the Smithsonian Institution, where he was a friend of Dr. Samuel Pierpoint Langley, a pioneer in aviation. Langley's recognition after his death for work that had been largely overshadowed by the successes of the Wright brothers was mainly due to Dr. Adler.

He returned to Philadelphia in 1907 to be first President of the Dropsie College for Hebrew research. In the same year, he founded, with Mr. Louis Marshall, the American Jewish Committee. After the war, he went with Mr. Marshall to the Paris peace conference to plead for Jewish minority rights and privileges in the new countries that emerged at Versailles.

He was co-Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and a governor of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

In 1930, Dr. Adler formulated for a League of Nations Commission a plan for settling the Jewish-Arab dispute over the Wailing Wall in Palestine. His suggestions formed the basis of the solution finally adopted, whereby the Jews were allowed free access to the Wall for prayer and religious services. In recognition of his work for the Jewish people in America and Europe he was presented in 1932 with a "memorial of friendship and esteem" signed by 250 of the leading Jews of America.

Condemnation of Nazis

Before "The Jews in Nazi Germany" was published, Dr. Adler had asked Jews to suspend judgment on Herr Hitler and warned them that a boycott of German goods would lead to reprisals. But the American Jewish Committee's investigation led to a strong condemnation of Nazi policy.

"There is no such thing as the Aryan or Semitic race," Dr. Adler declared. "These are terms of language, not facts of blood." But he added that "prejudices must not be fought merely with appeals to passion and resentment, however justified passion and resentment may be."

In 1938, he described developments in central Europe as heralding "the downfall of European civilization and the disintegration of man into brute."

He strongly opposed the proposal to partition Palestine in 1938.

He wrote a number of books, and a selection of his papers, addresses and lectures were published by his friends on his 70th birthday. He was an authority on Semitic philology, Assyriology and comparative religion.—Reuter.

U.S. Ship Turns Back In Mid-Pacific

Extension of British Blockade Said Cause of Recall

New York, Apr. 8.

The United States freighter Wildwood (5,000 tons), with a cargo aboard valued at over $5,000,000, is reported to have turned back for Tacoma after reaching about the middle of the Pacific.

The owners of the vessel are alleged to have said that this move was advisable, as the British blockade was being extended to Russian Pacific ports.—Reuter.

Honolulu Clipper Leaves For U.S. on April 10

Manila, Apr. 8.

The Honolulu Clipper will leave for the United States on April 10 and arrive at San Francisco on April 15, it was announced here today. The China Clipper is expected here tomorrow and is to leave for San Francisco on the return trip on April 13.—United Press.

Charges That Japan Began Campaign Against Educational Institutes Denied

National League of Japanese University Professors Refute Accusation by American College Dean

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

Charges that Japan was waging a campaign of aggression and destruction against Chinese educational institutions, made by Miss Mary Stocks, dean of Westfield College, the University of London, were refuted by the National League of Japanese University Professors, in a message sent by the British scholar on Saturday.

Investigations conducted by the League, the message stated, had established that Japan had not attacked or destroyed Chinese universities or other educational institutions so long as the latter were not used by the Chinese for military purposes.

The message also urged British professors not to lose their qualifications as scholars by being affected by groundless Chinese propaganda, but to weigh matters justly and fairly.

The League also recommended that British professors visit East Asia to ascertain for themselves and offers the visitors assistance in securing all necessary facilities.—Domei.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei Flies to Peiping

Condemnatory Article in Japan-Controlled Paper

Peiping, Apr. 8.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, acting president of the reorganized National Government of China, arrived here at 1.20 p.m. from Nanking by air. He was accompanied by Mr. Lin Pai-sheng, Minister of Publicity; Mr. Li Shih-chun, political vice-minister of Police; Gen. Hsiao Shu-shan, acting director-General of Military Training and others.

He was met at the aerodrome by Mr. Wang Keh-min, chairman, and other members of the North China Political Affairs Commission; Baron Keizo Fujii, councillor of the Japanese Embassy to China, and other high Japanese and Chinese military and civilian officials.—Domei.

Mr. Wang Attacked by Youth Party

Peiping, Apr. 8.

Strong criticism of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's methods of achieving peace, specially regarding return to the Three People's Principles and adoption of the Kuomintang flag, is contained in a manifesto issued by Mr. Diu Chiao-kum, acting leader of the China Youth Party, appearing in the Japanese-controlled "Hsin Min Pao" yesterday, presumably with tacit approval of local authorities.

The new Central Government is also criticized, and frank disbelief expressed that any Chungking officials have gone over to the new régime.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei has promised to form a righteous government—it is but vain talk; there is no sincerity behind it."

Nobody, the manifesto adds, will believe that formation of the new government means the realization of peace.—Reuter.

Von Ribbentrop May Soon Retire

"Daily Herald" Learns of Possible Replacement

London, Apr. 8.

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, according to German diplomatic circles, may soon hand in his resignation and retire altogether from diplomatic life, the Antwerp correspondent of the London "Daily Herald" revealed today. His probable successor will be Herr von Mackenson, German Ambassador to Rome.

Herr von Ribbentrop fell ill shortly after his interview with the Pope, and is now under the care of an eminent heart specialist. His retirement may also be due to the notorious failure of his recent diplomatic missions, all of which played into the hands of his enemies, it is believed.—Havas.

New Zealand Labour Leader Resigns

Speaker of Parliament Wants Better Leadership

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Wellington, Apr. 8.

Mr. W. E. Barnard, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has resigned from the Labour Party.

He declares that he has no confidence in the present leadership.

Mr. Barnard has represented Napier in the House since 1928. Fifty-four years of age, he served in the European War from 1916 to 1919 as a private.

He is president of the New Zealand Five-Million Club. He joined the New Zealand Labour Party in 1928.—Reuter.

Japanese Crown Prince Begins Schooling

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

School days began here today for Crown Prince Akihito Tsugunomiya.

Clad in the regular blue tunic and knee-length trousers of the Peers' School uniform, His Highness attended the opening of the spring term of the institution at Mejiro.

The 8-year-old Crown Prince rose at 6.30 a.m., as usual, to observe his daily custom of bowing in the direction of the Meiji Shrine, where his great-grand-father was enshrined, and the Sanctuary in the Imperial Palace. His Highness then bowed before the pictures of the Emperor, the Empress and the Empress Dowager.

Accompanied by a tutor and other attendants, the Prince left the Akasaka Detached Palace at 8.30 a.m. in a motor car for school.—Domei.

Japanese Unify Buying, Selling of Hemp

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

The Central China Hemp Textile Manufacturing Association has decided to establish the Japan-China Hemp Textile Manufacturing Industry, with a capital of Y.1,000,000, for unifying the buying and selling of hemp (ramie) in Central China.—Reuter.

Dutch Authorities Arrest Two Belgians

Amsterdam, Apr. 7.

Discovered taking forbidden photographs of Dutch fortifications on Callantsoog Island, two Belgians were arrested by the authorities this afternoon. The police, it was learned, also found night-signalling apparatus in their car.—Havas.

New Chinese Navy's First Gunboat to Be Launched

Constituting the first new unit in China's new navy, the gunboat Kiangping will be launched at the Pootung yards of the Kiangnan Dockyards today.

The vessel will join two torpedo boats, restored to the Chinese Government after their capture by the Japanese Navy during the hostilities, on the Yangtze petrol.

Sweden Regards Allied Move As Violating Neutrality

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in the war. To neutrals generally Nazi spokesman say: "Acquiescence in the blockade is equivalent to assisting the Allies."

Complaints to Holland

This is the substance of German reaction to new Dutch decrees putting into force the new Anglo-Dutch trade agreement.

Complaining that she has been given far too short a time to study the measures, Germany has semi-officially announced that she must consider how far Holland has abandoned her rights and duties as a neutral transit country to Germany.

By press and radio German propaganda was busily telling neutrals yesterday that they were being brutally menaced by "Britain's unscrupulous plans," but neutral circles have not been slow to observe that danger apparently lies not in the British plans themselves but in Germany's revenge against those whom she considers are giving way to the plans.—Reuter.

Dutch Shocked by Move

Amsterdam, Apr. 8.

Britain's decision to lay mines in Norwegian waters came as a shock to Dutch Government circles. Officials are reluctant to comment until the British Note and Norwegian reaction have been more closely studied.

In principle Dutch circles deplore any breach of international law, whether justified or not, and from this point of view the new Allied step is condemned.

It is further pointed out that the mining of Norwegian waters does not seem an appropriate reply to German attacks on neutral shipping, and it is stated that such a method is not calculated to increase the confidence of countries in the rightness and sincerity of Allied intentions.—Reuter.

New York Journal Approves

New York, Apr. 8.

The measures being taken by the Allies towards neutrals to render more efficient the blockade against Germany were given the stamp of approval in an article by the "New York Herald-Tribune" today. After emphasizing how feeble were the measures of international law when applied to the present situation, the "Herald-Tribune" stated: "Only with the defeat of Germany will the re-establishment of international law be possible. If in their efforts to arrive at ultimate victory the Allies do not respect the laws which Germany violates so easily, it is obviously very regrettable but no defender of international law can sincerely reproach the Allies for this if it is the only way they can achieve victory."—Havas.

Sweden Stunned Over Move

Stockholm, Apr. 8.

News of the British mining of Norwegian waters stunned Swedish political circles today. They considered the situation most delicate at present and believed the further maintenance of Scandinavian neutrality was seriously threatened.

Officials were tight-lipped on the action and would not comment beyond the general assertion that the mine-laying would strengthen the Allied blockade and may result in grave German counter measures.—United Press.

Nazi Press Denunciatory

Berlin, Apr. 8.

"This crime is the desperate means of people who tremble in the face of true war, and believe that death by starvation caused by blockade is more humane than a soldier's death on the battlefield," declares the "Allgemeine Zeitung" today in commenting on the mining of Norwegian waters by the Allies.

Diplomatic preliminary action, the newspaper continues, was closely followed by military action, "not against Germany, for which more courage would have been needed, but against neutrals.

"Even before the Norwegian and Swedish Governments were able to acquaint themselves with this threatening note of the Allies, their mine-layers were already in action. The world may be convinced that Germany will be able to cope with this criminal plot."—Reuter.

Brussels Impressed

Brussels, Apr. 8.

Belgian political circles were much impressed today by the firmness of the attitude of the Allies, but refrained from taking any official stand on the matter, simply pointing out that it is the first sign of "stiffening" of the Allies' position.

From a strictly juridical point of view the blockade measures might be open to discussion, unofficial circles point out, but from a moral viewpoint the Allies position is unanswerable. These measures, the same circles declare, were inevitable, and indicate that the war is now entering its true active phase.—Havas.

Nazi Pressure on Neutrals

Amsterdam, Apr. 8.

Germany, in an attempt to provoke the neutrals into a strongly unfavourable reation to the British and French mine-laying in Norway's waters, is comparing this move to other Allied measures in the Far East and the Adriatic, according to reports from foreign observers in Berlin. Berlin, while remaining extremely reserved, has unofficially stated this latest action is indicative of the course the Allies want the war to take.—Havas.

Nazis Make Inquiries

Paris, Apr. 7.

The German Foreign Minister Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, today summoned the Norwegian and Swedish Ministers in Berlin to a one-hour meeting at the Wilhelmstrasse. The "Paris Soir" reported from Copenhagen.

A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman later told newspapermen: "The German Government is convinced that the Allies are contemplating action in Norway and are keeping a close watch on the situation. The Allies want to prevent iron ore from reaching us, but the Reich's interests will be defended."—Havas.

Proof of Allied Resolve

London, Apr. 8.

Proof of the Allies' grim determination to cut of Germany from obtaining supplies from Norway was seen in the official notification that the Allies had mined three sections of the Norwegian coast. Mine-laying of the three sections of the Norwegian coast began during the night, reliable quarters reported. They indicated that the mine fields were designed partly to force German ships out of Norwegian waters at the three points where they would be forced to meet Allied warships.

The announcement of Allied action caused as much sensation here as it did abroad, taking both the public and political quarters by surprise.

It had been believed that in Friday's communications to Norway and Sweden, the Allies merely mapped out general principles and views but had not warned of immediate action.

The first reaction here was that Germany would be forced to take reprisals immediately. Those who gave the subject more thought naturally said the Allies would not have taken such a drastic step without fully preparing for reprisals and that British preparedness had reached a stage justifying the unprecedently optimistic statements made by British leaders during the past week.—United Press.

British Plane-Buying Figures Revealed

Fund of £200,600,000 Nearing Exhaustion

London, Apr. 8.

Great Britain has already ordered between 7,000 and 10,000 war planes on the American market, the newspaper "Daily Herald" estimated today.

"This number, with accessories, will almost exhaust the £200,000,000 which Britain is to spend on aeroplanes in the United States," the newspaper revealed. "Some of the machines may be flown over, but most will be sent ready for assembling and will be flying within a week of their arrival in this country. All armaments are being fitted in England, as the British guns are preferred to the American ones.

"Mr. Louis Johnson, U.S. Assistant Secretary of War, says that the building capacity of his country's aircraft industry is now estimated as more than 17,500 machines a year," the "Daily Herald" concluded.—Havas.

London Denies Nazi Consul's Statement

Crew of Scuttled Columbus Not Taken Off Italian Ship

Gibraltar, Apr. 8.

The statement made by Captain Fritz Wiedemann, German Consul-General at San Francisco, that 35 members of the crew of the scuttled Nazi liner Colombus were removed by the British authorities from the Italian motorship Fella (6,072 tons) at Gibraltar on April 4, was denied by the naval authorities here today.

It is stated that only three men were taken off the vessel for interrogation. These men, it is added, have been released, and will shortly continue their journey to Italy.—Reuter.

Archeological Discovery Made in Chungking

Chungking, Apr. 8.

Two hitherto unknown Han tombs were discovered quite by accident on the north bank of the Chialing River yesterday by a party of Chungking residents out for a stroll.

At Pei shan chiao the group found, off the roadside where some excavations were being undertaken for building purposes, a number of old bricks bearing the characters "Fu Kwei" and "Chang Li." According to archeologists, these legends indicate their Han dynasty origin.

An excavation party was being organized here this morning.—Havas.

Allies Lay Minefields In Norwegian Waters

(Continued from page 7)

Allied Governments no longer can afford to acquiesce in the present state of affairs, whereby Germany obtains from Norway facilities which place the Allies at a dangerous disadvantage.

Notice Formally Tendered

"They have already given notice to the Norwegian Government that they reserve the right to take such measures as they think necessary to hinder or prevent Germany from obtaining in Norway resources or facilities which, for the purpose of war, will be to her advantage or to the disadvantage of her enemies."

Another purpose, according to the statement, is to establish principles, which smaller States hope to rescue themselves and wish to see prevail, and upon which the very confidence of those States ultimately depends.

"If successful prosecution of the war requires the Allies to take such measures, world opinion will not be slow to realize the necessity and purpose of their action."

According to authoritative circles, the mine-fields are directed against Germany and not against neutral countries.

The trade in iron ore between Narvik and Germany is expected to be seriously hampered, if not completely stopped, but it is understood that the operation is directed against other German trades as well as that of iron trade.

Information has reached England that German ships have avoided the British Contraband Control by shipping through territorial waters. German raiders are said to have also slipped out into the high seas in a similar manner. It is hoped that today's operation will prevent all this.

Authoritative circles further point out that the Allied action is in the best interests of neutrals themselves as well as of Great Britain and France.

Law Must Bind Both Sides

While it may be alleged that the Allied operation is irregular and a breach of neutral rules, it is pointed out that rules of neutrality have always reposed on common aspects of their validity, and that if one side persistently disregards them it can hardly be claimed that they shall be applied with rigour to the other side.

It is pointed out that Germany has broken all rules of international law that can be broken, except the one adopted by the Allies today, and that has not been broken because she was not able to do so. There is no intention on the part of the Allies, it is added, to extend the area of the war, but it may be said that they would react sharply to any action Germany might take against Scandinavia.—Reuter.

New Monopoly in Manchoukuo

Dairen, Apr. 7.

Amounting to the virtual introduction of yet another monopoly in Manchoukuo, the import of daily necessaries and athletic goods will be controlled and undertaken from now on by only four firms designated by the Government in accordance with the Trade Control Law.

The Manchuria Necessaries Supply Co. is to handle the importation of necessaries such as starch, salted salmon, and trout, sugar, tea, rubber shoes, rubber-soled socks and athletic goods.—Havas.

Soviets, Finland to Exchange Envoys

M. Passikivi for Moscow; M. Zotov for Helsinki

Moscow, Apr. 8.

Diplomatic relations between Russia and Finland, disrupted at the outbreak of the recent Russo-Finnish war, will be resumed immediately, it was announced last night.

Soviet officials disclosed that Russia had accepted the appointment of M. Juho Passikivi, Finnish Minister Without Portfolio, as new Finnish Minister to Moscow.

The appointment of M. Ivan Zotov, Russian Minister to Latvia, as Minister to Finland was announced by the Soviet Foreign Office.

M. Paasikivi, who headed the Finnish delegation which negotiated peace with Russia, is still in Moscow where he is expected to take up his duties as Minister immediately. He is still negotiating with Russia on the final details of the Russo-Finnish peace agreement.

Resumption of diplomatic relations between Russia and Finland was seen here as an indication that Russia has made no further demands on Finland and is willing to abide by the peace terms which gave her strategic areas of Finnish territory.—United Press.

Russians Lost 240 Planes in Finland

Red Bombers Attempted Task Without Escorts

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Helsinki, Apr. 8.

Finnish fighter planes shot down a total of 240 Russian machines during the Soviet-Finnish war, declared Lt.-Colonel Lorentz, commander of a fighter squadron of the Finnish Air Force, in an interview yesterday.

Until the middle of January, he added, Russian bombers undertook raids, unescorted by fighter aircraft, and this made the task of Finnish fighters easier.

"During this period, 100 bombers were shot down. Afterwards, fighters came over with bombers, and the Finns were up against heavier odds. Despite this, however, 140 Russian 'planes were brought down during the latter half of the war. Losses of the Finnish fighter force were incredibly small," the Finnish officer concluded.—Reuter.

Merger of U.S. Cable, Wireless Companies

Move Recommended in Report to Congress

Washington, Apr. 7.

The merger of all American-owned cable and wireless companies into a single corporation is recommended in a report to Congress by the Federal Communications Commission, because of the "growing threat of foreign domination of international communications."

The report emphasized the importance of keeping the international communication services under American ownership, and urged Congress to prohibit ownership or voting of stock by aliens and the holding of managerial positions gy foreigners.

The inequality of bargaining position in making arrangements with foreign countries for the handling of international communications is one of the main reasons given for the merger recommendation. The report said that these arrangements in the past "seldom have been to the advantage of the American carriers, owing to the monopolistic foreign position."—Reuter.

Bad Weather Hampers Transit to Germany

Belgrade, Apr. 8.

Adverse weather conditions on the Danube River were greatly hampering the transportation of Balkan goods to Germany along this route today, it was learned.—United Press.

Hungaro-German Society Formed in Berlin

Amsterdam, Apr. 7.

M. Tasdnady Nagy, President of the Lower Chamber in Hungary, concluded his lengthy visit to Berlin today after he had attended inaugural ceremonies at the foundation of the German-Hungarian Society. General von Glaise-Horstenau, President of the new group, was present at the railway station to bid the visitor farewell.—Havas.

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Italy Can Face Present Momentous Events

Il Duce Puts Faith in Fascist Regime

Rome, Apr. 7.

"Italy will be equal to whatever happens in this late spring," Signor Benito Mussolini asserted today in a speech in the market-place of the small town of Orvieto.

"The events we are witnessing will have enormous repercussions, but we believe we can face them. Italy of the Victor, of the young and resolute who one year ago liberated a whole people in three days (Albania) after they had conquered an African empire in seven months, the Italy which we have created through twenty years of hard trial, this Italy always gains victory," Il Duce said.—Havas.

London-Lisbon Trial Flights Started

Service to Link Up With North Atlantic Line

London, Apr. 8.

Carrying the first mails ever flown between the two capitals, an air-liner of the British Oversea Airways Corporation left here today, for the first of three preliminary flights inaugurating the new air service between London and Lisbon.

The regular service will start in May. It will link up with the North Atlantic route of Pan-American Airways, thus giving a London-United States schedule.—Reuter.

Clash in Calcutta Demonstration

Young Men Show Dislike of Mr. Gandhi's Following

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Calcutta, Apr. 8.

Seven persons were injured here when orthodox Congress workers giving a demonstration of hand-spinning were pelted with stones by a number of young men.

The assailants shouted "down with Gandhism" and various slogans in favour of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.

The demonstration, organized by the official congress committee connected with the congress national week, was abandoned after 10 minutes.—Reuter.

Pope to Aid Finns In Reconstruction

Vatican City, Apr. 8.

Pope Pius soon will instruct all bishops except those in belligerent countries to open a campaign for funds for the reconstruction of Finland, it was learned today.—United Press.

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New Committee for Congress Proposed

Formulation of Economic Policies Suggested

Washington, Apr. 8.

The creation of a special committee, representing both American public opinion and Congress, with the aim of formulating a new programme of American economic and commercial foreign policies was proposed today by a number of Republican Representatives.

Representative Treadway, of Massachusetts, declared that such a committee would be charged with submitting to Congress before January 15, 1941, a plan for the merging of the Tariff Commission and the Commission for International Trade. At present the two bodies work independently, although both function under instruction of Congress.

The new committee would also work out plans for" developing to as great an extent as possible foreign trade, without injuring the interests of American producers."

Mr. Treadway indicated that he would shortly submit to Congress the plans which call for a committee composed of five Senators, five Representatives, and five citizens not actively affiliated with any political party.—Havas.

British Communists Demonstrate

Police Disperse Gathering at French Embassy in London

London, Apr. 8.

A strong force of police yesterday dispersed 1,500 Communists outside the French Embassy.

The demonstrators went to the Embassy after a meeting in Hyde Park to present a resolution of protest against the imprisonment of French Communist deputies.—Reuter.

Communists Clash with Troops

Sydney, Australia, Apr. 8.

Three clashes between Australian troops and Communists culminated an attempt to wreck the Communist headquarters here yesterday. The Communists had been held responsible for a coal strike and other industrial disturbances said to be hampering Australia's war efforts.—United Press.

Danish Prince on Way to Germany

Copenhagen, Apr. 8.

Prince Axel of Denmark, President of the East Asiatic Company and member of the Danish trade delegation to London, has left here for Germany.—Reuter.

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Germans Intensify Drive for Metals

Berlin, Apr. 6.

The head of Germany's Great War veterans organization yesterday appealed to all local branches of the organization to hand over the pointed metal tips of poles to which their banners are attached as part of the nationwide metal collection centring round Chancellor Adolf Hitler's birthday. There are more than 40,000 branches of the war veterans organization throughout the Reich.—United Press.

Holland Tightens Spy Control Measures

Dutch-German Frontier Almost Wholly Closed

Amsterdam, Apr. 8.

Due to the prevailing fear of espionage in Holland, extraordinary precautionary measures are being taken by the Dutch authorities, among them being the almost closing of the German-Dutch frontier.

It is almost impossible to get a visa to Germany, and even German girls married to Dutch subjects are forbidden to return to Germany, except in the case of sickness in her family.

Dutch workmen who are employed in Germany are closely watched, the times of their coming and going and their reasons being carefully checked.—Havas.

41 German Prisoners Landed in Britain

London, Apr. 7.

Former members of the crew of a German ship which was scuttled when accosted by a British warship, 41 German sailors were landed at a north-western English port this evening and immediately sent to a concentration camp.—Havas.

British Posters to Tell Of Nazi Aims

Conquest of Europe Plan To Be Publicized

London, Apr. 8.

The British government has decided to release 300,000 coloured posters revealing the celebrated plan of German expansion according to a map found by Czechoslovakian authorities in Konrad Henlein's headquarters during the Sudeten trouble. The map will be posted in streets, clubs, steamship offices and hotels.

Under the title "Nazi war aims revealed by this secret 1937 Nazi map," the posters reveal the following German planned seizures: spring, 1938, of Austra; autumn, 1938, Czechoslovakia; spring, 1939, Hungary; autumn, 1939, Poland; spring, 1940, Yugoslavia; autumn, 1940, Rumania and Bulgaria; spring, 1941, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, north-west France and Switzerland; and autumn, 1941, Ukraine.

The plan was to have been complete by the annexation of Scandinavia, Great Britain, Portugal, and the seizure of north-west Spain from Vittoria to Corogne.

Under the map are emblazoned the words: "Grab: Grab! Grab!" with the commentary: "Such is the Nazi policy." In the margin is a short note concluding with the words: "Now the policy of 'Grab, Grab' is finally arrested."—Havas.

Tornado Plays Havoc In New Orleans

New Orleans, Apr. 8.

At least five persons were killed and $500,000 worth of property was damaged by a tornado which struck here yesterday.—United Press.

Pork to Be Derationed In Britain

London, Apr. 8.

The Ministry of Food announces that pork will be derationed temporarily from tomorrow.—Reuter.

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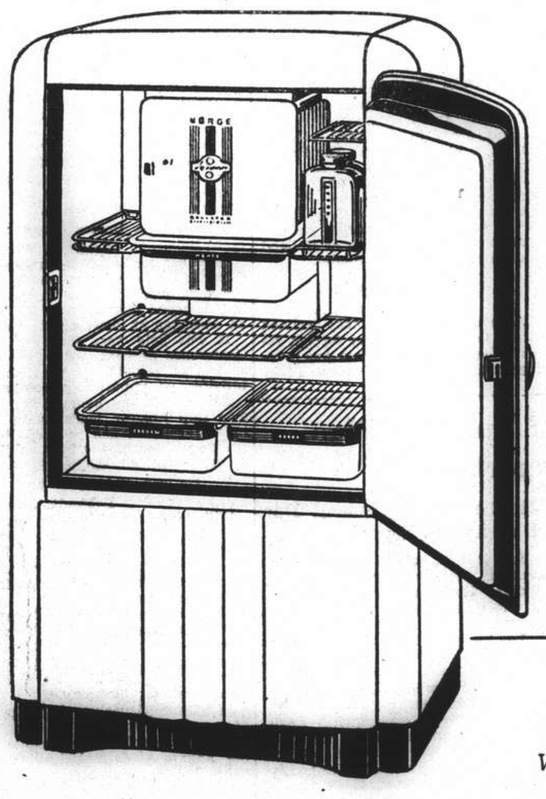

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. J. F. W. Milne, former inspector of the Municipal Police (retired), arrived from Japan on Sunday and is spending several weeks here.

A STREET collection will be made in aid of St. Olga's Orphanage. This institute is entirely dependent on occasional donations from charity organizations and private persons; it has no regular source of income.

THE Ministry of Finance of the Chinese Government in Chungking has ordered a readjustment of the salt tax to make it uniform throughout the "Free China" areas, says a report to the "Shun Pao."

MEMBERS of the British Women's Association desiring transport to the Municipal Polls on Wednesday and Thursday next are requested to communicate immediately with the secretary of the association, Mrs. E. Colter.

THE two well-known Japanese concerns, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., and the Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd., have established a tea purchasing department to corner the tea market in Shanghai, states a report to the "Sin Wan Pao."

COUNT Yorinaga Matsudaira, president of the House of Peers, will attend the official celebrations marking the return of the reorganized National Government of China to Nanking on April 27, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported.

AN interesting concert will take place at the American Women's Club on Thursday beginning at 9 p.m. One third of the takings will go to the Hungarian Relief Association. The performers are Professor Mor Porgé, Princess Leuchtenberg de Beauharnais (pianists) and Mr. Ferdinand Adler (violinist).

WITH a view to intensifying the economic production of the province, the Szechuen Provincial Production Planning Committee was formally inaugurated yesterday under General Ho Kuo-kwang, Secretary-General to the Szechuen Provincial Government and concurrently Defence Commissioner of Chungking, says a Chinese message to the "Chinese American Daily News."

THIS little story could be headed "A taxi Driver rewarded" and the moral drawn could no doubt be "always be polite." Fred Comis of Islington, London, was left £1,000 by Mrs. Emily MacGregory, if employed by her at the date of her death. Daily when she left her London hotel to do her shopping she always employed the same driver. She had lived in hotels for many years, and riding in taxi cabs was one of her favourite pastimes.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending April 6, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes among the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners 8 and Chinese 254. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, typhus fever 2 and Chinese, tuberculosis 22; typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 11; pneumonia 7; diphtheria 2; dysentery 2; and cerebrospinal meningitis, measles, typhus fever, beri-beri 1 each.

A RATHER gruesome story has come to light with the death this week of Mr. Henry Robert Oswald who had for 37 years sat in coroners' courts in England and heard the tragic side of London life. This story concerns a prisoner who was hanged on a Derby Day. His last act was to give the warder a tip for the Derby winner, and the horse came in at 33 to 1. He also was at the inquest on Gertrude Yates. At this inquest Ronald True whiled away the time by making caricatures of Mr. Oswald.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending April 6, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 17, and Chinese 754. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis 4, cerebrospinal fever 1, Chinese, tuberculosis 50; typhoid fever 36; beri-beri 5; influenza 5; diphtheria 3; typhus fever 3; cerebrospinal fever 2; measles 2 and scarlet fever, relapsing fever 1 each.

THE art exhibition sponsored by the China Cultural Society, the Sino-French, Belgium, Swiss Cultural Association and the China National Anti-Japanese Cultural Federation on April 5, 6 and 7, raised over $20,000. This sum will be contributed to the Chinese fighting forces, states a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao." General Chiang Kai-shek yesterday visited the exhibition and purchased many of the paintings, woodcuts, drawings and books contributed to the exhibition by Chinese and foreign artists and cultural workers in many cities in China, the report states.

THE King acted as ticket-collector for a few minutes recently at a British South East Coast port when he watched nearly 1,000 officers and men land on leave from France. Very few of the men recognized the King. As he watched the men push past the barriers to the platforms, the King talked with Lord Birdwood. Then he walked over to the barrier and took the place of a ticket collector. A sergeant came up and handed his papers. Then his face wore a look of blank amazement when he suddenly realized who it was and he smartly saluted. The King tore the man's ticket from his book of passes and smilingly handed it back. The King later decorated six ratings.

MAIL matter addressed to the following, care of the American Consulate General, Shanghai, remained uncalled for on April 8:—Messrs. G. Abbelardo, P. L. Baet, I. I. Buckley, C. Dowaliby, P. Geronimo, W. H. Greene, L. B. Grimes, O. Katz, G. Lasarte, P. Lee, W. J. Leigh, B. Legaspi, G. E. Luchango, A. M. Massabni, B. Packart, J. G. Peponis, R. N. Pickles, A. J. Randall, J. M. Richardson, A. G. Smith, R. Stevenson, M. Stisson, E. F. Thomson, N. G. Wood and A. F. Zane. Mesdames C. Barnhardt, L. Bourdeau, V. A. Campbell, F. B. Dobson, V. J. Findley, J. Hartman, L. Ohlsson, C. S. Richards, M. E. Robinson, F. L. Stacey, A. H. Stricklin, R. M. Thomley, M. M. Vincent and A. M. Zenchenkova, Dr. C. W. Rankin.

Annual Meeting Of S.S.P.C.A.

Land Being Sought on Which to Build New Headquarters

Another year of increased activity was reported by Sir Allan Mossop, Chief Judge of H.M. Supreme Court, when speaking as President at the annual meeting of the Shanghai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which was held yesterday. The growing spirit of co-operation on the part of the public, he stated, showed a generous spirit of sympathy.

In his speech Sir Allan Mossop referred to the generosity of an American lady, who had promised the Society that if the land were made available she would consider providing funds for the erection thereon of a first-class fireproof building containing kennels and runs for dogs, accommodation for ponies and cattle, cats and other livestock, together with accommodation for the Secretary's office, quarters for the inspector and provision for such equipment as was necessary for the prompt and humane destruction of injured or sick animals.

Insurmountable

After every channel had been explored, however, he went on, it was found that the difficulties in raising the necessary funds or obtaining a gift to provide the land were insurmountable at the present time. On February 20, however, a letter had been received from the lady in which she said that if a suitable site could be found comprising about six mow of land she would endeavour to raise the funds necessary to buy the land and erect the buildings provided Shanghai could provide the necessary equipment. Sir Allan added that it was hoped a further announcement on the matter would be made during the course of the year.

The President paid a tribute to the work of Inspector Woollam, who had served the Society for two years, to Mr. Edward Poskitt, who had continued in the office of Secretary, and to Miss Poskitt, who had acted as honorary stenographer in the meetings of the Executive Committee and the various Sub-Committees.

Sir Allan also expressed his gratitude to Messrs. Keylock and Pratt, Dr. F. G. Philipp, Dr. Hyodo, Dr. Taniguchi, the Edinburgh Road Dog Hospital and Dr. M. Deutsch for their support rendered in the humane destruction of animals. He added that the quarterly magazine of the Society, the "Blue Cross," had been adopted by the sister society in Hongkong as its official organ and he extended his congratulations to Messrs. H. L. Bridger and P. H. Barton, the honorary editors, for the very great amount of time and labour they were expending on the publication.

Cruel Killing

The motor ambulance, which Lord Austin had presented to the Society three years ago, continued to give invaluable service and, Sir Allan continued, there was every hope that in the near future the Society might possess a trailer attachment in the form of a float, suitable for removing injured animals such as horses and cattle. There was a very great need for such a conveyance as those Municipal conveyances, which were available, were unsuited for the purpose.

In referring to the cruel and distressing conditions under which animals were destroyed at the abbattoir at Chokadoo, beyond the Settlement boundaries, Sir Allan stated that various attempts had been made to bring about an improvement in conditions without success. The matter was still being considered and every effort would be made to improve conditions, if not close the establishment. Many racing ponies, he said, were finding their way to this establishment. He asked riding men to take a greater interest in the fate of their discarded animals.

The membership of the Society continued to increase, 380 new members joining in 1939 thus bringing the total membership to 1,019. The first quarter of the present year had brought 150 new members and the Society's hope was to bring the membership up to 5,000. In conclusion he thanked various newspapers, the interested departments of several local municipal administrations and the stewards of the Shanghai Race Club for their support.

Election of Officers

Sir Allan Mossop was re-elected President. Other officers were elected as follows:

Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. R. N. Swann.

Inspection Sub-Committee:—Mr. Eric Moller, sen., Mr. P. H. Barton, Mrs. L. W. Brace, Mrs. D. Ellig, Mrs. E. M. Gran, Mrs. K. Lancy-Provitch, Miss F. MacGregor.

Subscription Sub-Committee:—Mrs. E. M. Gran, Mrs. L. W. Brace, Mrs. E. G. Davis, Mrs. J. B. Etherington, Mrs. H. Henley, Mrs. M. Howells, Mrs. V. Kolle, Mrs. G. Muller.

Publicity Sub-Committee:—Mr. H. L. Bridger, Mr. P. H. Barton.

Junior Section Sub-Committee:—Mrs. H. E. Harris, Mrs. P. H. Barton, Mrs. L. A. Hekking, Mrs. J. L. Hunter, Miss F. MacGregor, Mr. R. L. Heath.

Finance Sub-Committee:—Mr. R. N. Swann, Mr. C. de Boissezon.

Americans and Canadians Serve as "Buddies in Arms"

Young Americans from the cities and prairies of the United States have flocked in hundreds over the Canadian border to join the Canadian forces in infantry, artillery and air force units. Here in the mess hall at Ottawa are seen the Cameron Highlanders at Camp Lansdowne with Americans and Canadians sitting down to a meal in a place which was a building in a fair ground.

Two More S.M.C. Nominees' Platforms Announced

Messrs. W. J. Keswick, G. A. Haley Issue Statements As Only Today Remains Before Election

THE Municipal election still continues to hold the spotlight in Shanghai. Only today remains before International Settlement ratepayers will vote at the polls to elect nine Councillors to serve the city during the coming year. For the nine seats there are thirteen nominees—five British, chosen by a straw vote, two American, one independent British candidate and five Japanese, instead of the usual two. Following the announcement of the platforms of the five Japanese candidates, Mr. Ranald McDonald, British independent candidate, Mr. N. F. Allman, American candidate and Messrs. T. S. Powell and R. G. MacDonald, British nominess, Mr. W. J. Keswick and G. A. Haley, two other British candidates, have announced their platforms. Mr. G. E. Mitchell, the remaining British candidate, has been absent from Shanghai on convalescent leave. He has fully recovered from the effects of his recent operation and is expected to arrive here in about ten days' time.

Mr. Keswick's statement follows: At this time of change and difficulty it is with full appreciation of responsibilities towards every section of the Community that I present myself once more for election to the Shanghai Municipal Council.

"I believe that security is the most important contribution that the Shanghai Municipal Council offers the International Settlement. It is security that has enabled Shanghai to become one of the leading cities of the world. It is security and that confidence which goes with it, that has enabled us all regardless of nationality or political thought, to live without fear and trade here. This has been so in the past and I sincerely hope it will be so in the future.

Public Services

"There has been much criticism of the cost of the maintenance of the Settlement, but it is impossible to conduct a city of this size without fairly large expenditure.

"I strongly favour the retention of the present standard of our public services such as Police, Health, Fire Brigade and Public Works. I deprecate any step that may endanger these services. Nevertheless reduction of expenditure must be the first thought of the Council during the coming year. This pressing need for economy is undoubted, but we would be wise to guard against sudden retrenchments diminishing in any way the efficiency of the Council's services, particularly those on which we depend for health and protection. The fear of epidemics in congested areas is one that cannot be treated lightly.

New Conditions

"Proud though I am of the British share in building up this Settlement, I fully realize that Shanghai is an international city, and the duty of the Council is to meet the legitimate aims of all national communities in maintaining good government and law and order in this Settlement. The rights of all its inhabitants must be fairly and justly respected.

"I realize that conditions are changing rapidly and that Shanghai must adapt itself to new conditions as they arise.

"My family having been associated with Shanghai and the Council for three generations, I feel that I am completely identified with the welfare and continued progress of this great and international city, and if re-elected I will do everything in my power to further its interests."

The statement by Mr. Haley is as follows: "In soliciting the support of the voters at the forthcoming Municipal elections I may be permitted to state briefly my views on the policy which a member of the Council ought to adopt during the forthcoming year.

"I consider that we should act on the assumption that the difficulties through which Shanghai is passing are temporary difficulties only, and that the future of Shanghai as a great port and trading centre is assured.

"I believe that we should do our best to maintain a standard of administration which properly belongs to a great and growing city. We should bear in mind the complex composition of the population of Shanghai and attempt to meet the needs of its heterogenous population without distinction of race, creed or nationality.

Best Protection

"It believe that Shanghai demands, is entitled to and can afford the best possible protection through its Police Force and its Municipal Health Department against crime and disease.

"I am in favour of continuing the fight against public gambling and of taking such measures as are possible to prevent the exploitation of the public by speculators and profiteers.

"I am entirely in favour of economy in the public services but I do not believe that the terms cheapness and economy are necessarily and always synonymous; each item of public expenditure requires to be examined on its merits and judged in the light of value received for money spent. I am not in favour of reducing expenditure to the point of interfering with the good government of the International Settlement, or of making Shanghai a less safe or a less pleasant place in which to live and work.

"I believe in a fair deal not only for the general public but also for the Council employees of all grades.

Opposed to Extravagance

"I am opposed to extravagance in all its forms, but opposed also to an indiscriminate reduction of expenditure at the expense of quality of the public services.

"Our predecessors have bequeathed to us a system of municipal government which has been the envy of many cities and has earned for Shanghai the name of the "Model Settlement".

"That system, in common with many other systems, is being put to an unprecedented strain through depreciation of the currency and other causes which could not have been foreseen. It is our duty to adapt ourselves to changing circumstances, but in my opinion the essential features of the administration should be preserved. We should avoid yielding to panic and we should look forward to the future with courage and confidence."

Japanese Constable Kills Armed Robber

Thrilling Chase North Of Soochow Creek

Prob.-Sergt. S. Arai, a Japanese who joined the S.M.P. in June of last year, shot and killed a Chinese armed robber following a thrilling chase along East Yuhang Road at about 11.15 a.m. yesterday.

He was on duty at East Hanbury Road Bridge when he saw a Chinese running along the street, followed by several others, who shouted "armed robber." The young S.M.P. officer took up the chase and after challenging the man who refused to stop, fired three shots, seriously wounding the thug who died a few minutes later.

Search of the robber's clothing revealed that he was carrying $980 in cash and a pistol together with six rounds of ammunition.

The police are still investigating the origin of the money as up to late yesterday no information was received of an armed robbery in which such an amount had been stolen.

Daughter Born to Egyptian Queen

Cairo, Apr. 8.

Queen Farida has given birth to a daughter.—Reuter.

Final Arguments in War Risk Claim

Counsels Review Evidence In Hwa Tung Suit Against Home Insurance Company

Final arguments were presented by opposing counsel in the war risk insurance claim for US$27,170.65 brought against the Home Insurance Company by the Hwa Tung Electrical & General Engineering Works, before Judge Milton J. Helmick in the United States Court for China yesterday.

Before proceeding with his summing up, Mr. C. S. Franklin, who, with Mr. P. F. Faison, appeared for the plaintiff, refused to sign a stipulation drawn up by Mr. Harris G. Nelson, attorney for the defendant, concerning the disruption of tram and bus services North of Soochow Creek. After some discussion Mr. Franklin stipulated that after the commencing of hostilities in August, 1937, bus and tram services were stopped and had not yet recommenced operations. In the spring of 1938 a Japanese bus service was inaugurated and is now in operation. Mr. Franklin admitted, but prior to hostilities two British companies had exclusive tram and bus franchises north of the Creek.

In reviewing the evidence given during the hearing of the case, Mr. Franklin summarized the testimony of Mr. Yao Teh-fu, senior partner in the Hwa Tung firm. Counsel said that the defendants had made no attempt to discredit Mr. Yao but if it had been possible to do so the defence would have resorted to this because every other defence known to man had been interposed in this case.

Defence Argument

Summing up for the defence, Mr. Nelson said that the report rendered by Mr. Rudolf E. Linnestad, electrical engineer, on conditions in the Hwa Tung plant was incompetent because Linnestad's check was not made until January 10, 1938. Mr. Nelson said that the plaintiff's entire case was based on the testimony of Mr. Ono, alleged Japanese watchman at the Hwa Tung plant, and counsel said that Ono's testimony should be reviewed in great detail.

By his own admission, continued the counsel, Ono did not stay on the premises every day and he was gone anywhere from two to six hours at least once a week and sometimes every two or three days. It was singular that during the autumn of 1937 and early in 1938 many of the witnesses who visited the plant did not see Ono on the premises. Mr. Nelson said that Ono was not actually seen on the insured premises by anyone who testified in the case and the defendant's counsel said that, bearing this testimony in mind, the court cannot conclude that substantially there guarding the premises. Mr. Nelson added that he personally doubted that Ono had been employed by the plaintiff until after the first of 1938.

Children Discover Murdered Father

Sight Throws Three Youngsters Into Panic

Terror seized three small children shortly before 6 a.m. yesterday at their home at House 85, Lane 1,000, Gordon Road, when on awaking they saw their father lying in his bed with a serious wound at the back of his head and blood dripping to the floor. The victim, Tan Poo-yuin, 47, died later in the morning without regaining consciousness.

As soon as the children had set eyes on the terrible sight—they slept in the same room—they telephoned to relatives who arrived soon afterwards accompanied by the family doctor. The police were only advised of the attack shortly after 8 o'clock and immediately had Tan conveyed to hospital where he died shortly afterwards. Tan, who is understood to have been well-off, spoke several languages including Japanese, and during the world war served as an interpreter with the Chinese Labour Corps in France. He was a widower and the father of eight children.

Armed Robbers Secure $3,000

A young Chinese apprentice was relieved of $3,000 shortly after 3.15 p.m. yesterday on Ningpo Road near Shanse Road, when three men, one of them armed with a pistol, forced him to hand over the money. The thugs were able to make good their escape notwithstanding the fact that the victim raised an alarm.

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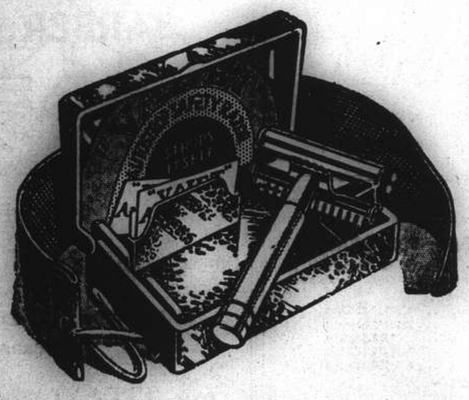

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1940

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 3/32d.		$ 58.63
U.S. $100 @ 6⅛		$1,632.65
Francs	301	$100
Yen	25¾	100
Guilders	11¼	100
Rupees	22⅝	100
Pesos	12¼	100
Hongkong	$27⅜	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 3/16d.	$ 57.31
U.S. $100 @ 6¼	$1,600.00
London—demand, $1=	4 3/16d.
4 months' sight credits	4 7/32d.
4 months' sight docts	4¼d.
6 months' sight credits	4 7/32d.
6 months' sight docts	4 9/32d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$6¼
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$6¼
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$6⅜

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ...... 4⅛d. U.S. $6 5/32
Hongkong/London 1/2⅞

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei Wah $1,065.00 .... C.N.$1,000.00

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Netherlands Guilders ......Buying	11⅞
Java Guilders .... "	11¾
Netherlands Guilders ......Selling	11½
Java Guilders .... "	11⅜

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Buying	U.S.$100=$1,600.00	£1=$57.313
Selling	U.S.$100=$1,632.653	£1=$58.181

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Belgas 0.35¾=$1 Belgas 21.05=£1

ITALIAN BANK FOR CHINA

It. Lire 1.20=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.27¼=$1
Tourist Lire 1.45 ....$1

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

Sterling Selling Rate	@ 6d	per	H.H.$ 1
" Buying "	@ 6 1/32	"	H.H.$ 1
U.S.$ Selling "	@ 8 11/16	"	H.H.$100
" Buying "	@ 9 1/16	"	H.H.$100
Local $ (Fapi) selling	@ 144	per	H.H.$100
buying	@ 149	"	H.H.$100

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES FOR DUTY PAYMENTS

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing $2.708
Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar $4.035

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	4 3/32	4 3/32
U.S. G.$	6 5/32	6 5/32
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING Cash		BUYING April	
£ T.T.	4⅛	4 m/s. l.c.	4 3/16
G.$ T.T.	6⅛	4 m/s. l.c.	6¼
Fcs. T.T.	302	4 m/s.	315
Rs. T.T.	22⅞	15 d/s.	23¼

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	56.12	—
Bombay offtake 75 bars.		

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.58¼
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.57¾
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.58½

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 3/32 sterling and 6⅛ U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4⅛ sterling and 6 5/32 U.S.$ remaining on that basis throughout the day. There was a slight appreciation in the forward rates during the day, though the market was very quiet. At the close there were sellers at:—

4⅛	sterling	6 5/32	U.S.$	Cash
4 3/32	"	6 3/32	"	Apr.
3 31/32	"	5 15/16	"	May

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Saigon rice per shih (176 lb.)	$43.20
Cotton yn. 20's, D.H., p.b. Cash	$1,150
Tungchow cotton .. per picul	209
Wheat ... per picul (50 kilos)	$23.50
Flour, local .. per bag (49lb.)	13.50
Flour, export . per bag (49lb.)	15.00
	picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15	$5,200
" " 20/22	4,700
" " 20/22 78%	4,800

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Apr. 8.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.16	.17 S
Antamok	.13 S	.13 S
Baguio Gold	.22	.22
Batong Buhay	.010	.010
Benguet Consolidated	5.40 S *	—
Big Wedge	.185	.185 S
Coco Grove	.10	.105 S
Consolidated Mines	.0025	.003 S
Demonstration	.10 S	.10 S
East Mindanao	.10 S	.10 S
I. X. L.	.33 S	.33 S
Ipo Gold	.0975	.0975
Itogon	.22	.22 S
Masbate Consolidated	.0975 S	.0975 S
Mine Operations	Unq.	.0825
North Camarines	.05 S	.05 S
Paracale Gumaus	.18	.18 S
San Mauricio	.66 S	.66 S
Surigao Consolidated	.195	.20 S
Suyoc	.125	.13 S
Syndicate Investment	Unq.	.015
United Paracale	.25 S	.255 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.0925	.095

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 52,100 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 67.71.—Reuter.

S.M.R. Budget Shows Big Increase

Dairen, Apr. 7.

An increase of Yen 110,000,000 as compared with last year's budget of Yen 359,000,000, is shown in the South Manchuria Railway Company's 1940 budget, amounting to Yen 469,000,000, it was revealed to the press. Appropriations for the Company's own enterprises amount to over Yen 129,000,000, while the entire balance of Yen 340,000,000 represents investments in enterprises outside the company.

The new appropriations are to be invested chiefly in North China. Appropriations are also made for the development of coal liquefaction and shale oil refining industries.—Havas.

Silver Quotations

London, Apr. 8.

Silver prices remained unchanged today from Saturday's level.

	Apr. 5	Apr. 8
London spot	20⅛d.	20⅛d.
" forward	20⅛d.	20⅛d.
" gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

New York/London 3.58¼ 66,99d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The volume of business that passed to start the first day of the new account was large and the afternoon was one of extreme activity, with fresh buyers coming into the market on any recession in prices. A sharp rise in Docks will be noted to $44, but this brought out sellers and a certain amount of profit taking eased the price to $42. Yangtsze Finance which have lately been rather neglected came into the limelight and were supported to the extent of 70,000 shares with a commensurate rise to $17½. Whilst the turnover in Ewos was not large there were unsatisfied buyers at the close at $47. Explorations, after opening at $17.60 registered a sharp rise to $19.40, the highest price this share has touched, but although this, naturally, again brought out the profit takers buyers wanted more shares at $19 when the market closed.

A comparatively small but welcome interest was evinced in Rubbers, and, towards the end of the day, prices became firmer.

Official Averages

1940 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
340.74	105.32	General	326.02	+5.22
475.35	95.55	Rubbers	382.50	+6.45

Total 537,484 shares, 997 bonds.

Business Done

Cathay Land 1930					83500	*80.00
Power 5½% Debs.					5200	88.00
	†1000	88.00				
Telephone 6% Debs.					10000	95.50
I. I. Trust			1500	25.25	1500	*25.50
	6000	25.50	6500	25.25	9000	25.00
	†500	*25.25	7000	25.75	500	*25.50
	500	*25.75				
S'hai Loan			7000	27.75	1000	*27.75
	1000	28.00	3500	27.75	500	*27.75
	1000	*27.50	5000	27.50		
	†3000	27.75	500	*28.00	1500	27.75
Yangtsze Finance			1500	16.70	1000	16.80
	3500	16.90	500	*17.00	1000	17.00
	5500	16.90	1500	16.80	500	*16.80
	500	16.90	5000	16.80	1000	*16.80
	4500	16.70	1000	16.60	3500	16.70
	500	*16.80	2000	16.60	3000	16.50
	1000	*16.60	2000	16.60	2500	16.70
	500	16.80				
	†1000	17.00	500	17.20	500	17.40
	1500	17.60	500	17.50	3000	17.60
	2000	17.50	500	*17.50	500	17.40
	1000	*17.40	1500	17.30	2000	17.40
	1500	17.30	1000	*17.40	2000	17.40
	500	*17.50	4000	17.40	3500	17.3.
S'hai Securities			1500	5.95	500	*5.90
	3000	5.90	1000	5.95	500	*5.95
	†500	*5.95	1000	6.00	6500	6.10
Int Assurance					†500	13.80
Central Prop					†100	17.90
China Realty			500	*7.60	1000	7.60
	1000	7.55	3000	7.50	3000	7.55
	500	7.60	500	*7.60	1000	7.55
	1500	7.50	500	7.55		
	†1500	7.55	500	*7.55	1000	7.60
	500	7.55	500	7.60		
S'hai Land			500	14.00	4000	14.10
	5500	14.20	500	*14.10	2500	14.10
	500	14.20	500	*14.10	500	14.00
	3000	14.10	1000	*14.20		
	†3500	*14.20	7500	14.20	500	14.30
	500	*14.30	1500	14.40	500	14.50
	500	*14.60	500	14.60	500	14.70
	1000	14.60	2000	14.50		
Dockyards			1300	*38.25	1500	38.25
	200	*38.50	300	38.75	1700	38.50
	600	*38.50	400	*38.75	500	38.75
	100	39.00	2900	38.75	100	*38.75
	700	*39.00	1500	38.75	300	*38.75
	200	38.50	100	*38.50	1300	*38.75
	2100	38.75	100	*38.50	2500	38.75
	400	*38.75	600	*39.00	700	39.00
	400	*38.75	200	*39.00	2400	39.00
	300	39.25	100	*39.25	1000	39.50
	100	*39.50	100	39.75	2500	40.00
	500	40.25	300	*40.50	300	*40.75
	600	40.75	200	40.50	100	*40.50
	300	40.75	100	41.00	300	41.25
	100	41.50	100	*41.50	500	41.75
	500	*42.00	800	41.75	1000	*41.75
	600	42.00				
	†300	44.00	400	43.50	1800	44.00
	400	*44.00	200	43.75	800	*44.00
	1300	44.00	1800	43.50	1100	43.75
	700	*43.75	300	43.00	300	43.50
	900	43.00	200	43.75	100	43.25
	100	*42.50	100	42.50	300	*42.75
	200	42.75	500	*42.50	200	43.00
	500	42.75	500	43.00	200	*42.50
	300	42.75	800	42.50	700	*42.50
	100	*42.75	3400	42.50	300	*42.50
	100	*42.25	1600	42.50	800	42.25
	3800	42.00	100	41.75	300	42.00
	600	42.00	700	41.75	500	*41.75
	300	42.00	700	41.75	100	*41.75
S. & H. Wharf					91	460.00
Wheelock			600	144.00	500	143.50
	100	*144.00	1000	143.00	100	142.50
	300	*142.50	1000	142.00		
	†200	142.50	300	142.00	100	*142.50
C. G. Omnibus			2100	32.00	300	31.75
	100	*31.50	200	31.00	600	31.25
	100	*31.25	100	31.00	200	31.35
	100	*31.25				
	†100	31.25	300	31.50	200	31.25
S'hai Gas			100	22.75	200	*22.50
	1500	22.50	300	22.25		
	†700	22.25	400	22.50		
Telephone			100	30.25	500	30.50
	500	30.25	500	30.00		
	†200	30.00	500	30.25	200	30.50
	300	30.25	100	30.75	200	30.50
	100	*30.75	200	30.50		
Tram (Bearer) £1					500	56.00
	†200	55.50	300	56.00	300	55.50
	100	*55.50	100	56.00		
Metal			800	26.50	700	28.75
	100	*28.75	5200	28.50	600	*28.50
	200	28.25	1300	28.50	300	*28.50
	300	28.75	100	*28.75	400	29.00
	100	29.25	200	*29.25		
	†100	30.50	500	30.75	1400	31.00
	100	31.50	100	*31.00	100	31.00
	1600	30.75	600	30.50	600	30.25
	500	*30.25	400	30.00	1100	80.25
	900	*30.25	400	30.50	500	30.25
	1500	30.00	100	*30.00	100	29.75
Kaiping					300	59.00
	†200	59.50				
Lumber			500	57.00	500	56.50
	1800	57.00	300	*57.00	600	*56.50
	1200	56.50	1400	57.00	100	*57.00
	†200	57.50	100	*58.00	200	58.00
	1000	57.50	200	*57.50	100	58.00
	100	57.50	100	*58.00		
Exploration			500	17.60	1000	*17.60
	1000	*18.20	2000	18.60	1000	*18.50
	2000	18.60	1500	18.70	1000	18.60
	500	18.70	1500	18.80	2500	18.90
	500	*18.90	500	*19.00	5500	19.00
	500	19.10	2500	19.00	1000	19.20
	1000	19.10	1000	19.20	3500	19.10
	500	*19.10	1000	19.00	500	18.90
	2000	18.80	1000	18.90	1000	*18.80
	500	18.90	500	18.80	3000	18.90
	500	*18.90	1500	19.00	2500	18.80
	500	*18.60	500	18.50	500	18.40
	1500	18.50	4000	18.60	1000	18.70
	500	*18.60	2500	18.60	1000	18.50
	1500	18.60	1000	18.70	1500	18.80
	3500	18.70	1000	18.60	500	*18.60
	500	18.70	2000	18.80	2500	*18.90
	2000	18.90	1500	18.80	2000	18.70
	2000	18.80	2000	18.90	3000	19.00
	†2500	19.00	2500	19.40	2000	*19.40
	500	*19.30	1000	19.30	4500	19.10
	500	*19.10	2000	*19.20	5000	19.10
	1500	*19.20	1000	19.10	1000	*19.00
	1500	19.10				
Power (Pref)			†70	*‡133.50	20	133.50
	90	133.00				
Ewo Mills (Ord)			100	47.00	100	46.25
	200	*46.50	400	46.50	500	*46.75
	600	46.75	200	*46.50	300	46.50
	100	46.75	1000	*46.50	2500	46.50
	100	*46.25	500	46.25	200	*46.50
	500	*46.25	2300	46.25	100	46.50
	100	46.25	500	46.50		
	†600	46.50	200	46.75	200	46.50
	100	*46.75	400	46.50	400	46.75
	200	46.50	400	*46.50	500	46.75
	600	*46.75	100	*46.50	300	47.00
	100	*46.75	600	46.75	900	47.00
S'hai Cotton					50	195.00
Alma					200	*50.00
	†400	50.00				
China Finance			3000	1.70	1000	1.68
	1000	1.70				
	†5000	1.70				
Anglo Dutch					300	25.50
Anglo Java					400	46.50
	†200	47.00	100	46.75	100	47.00
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Batu Anam					†2000	1.94
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	†3000	1.14				
Consolidated					500	11.20
	†3000	11.20				
Kota					1000	8.00
Kroewoek					9000	3.62½
	†6000	3.62½	1000	3.65		
Langkat			200	33.50	1200	33.75
	700	33.50	2100	33.25	200	*33.25
	†100	33.25	1400	33.50	300	33.75
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Repah			1000	1.94	1000	1.92
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	†1000	1.92	2000	2.00		
Rubber Trust			2000	12.50	500	*12.50
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	†500	12.70	1000	12.90	500	12.80
Samagaga					5000	2.65
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Kelantan					3000	1.26
	†1000	1.24	6000	1.26		
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	1000	2.12½				
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	†52	7.45				
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	250	5.90	100	6.05		
	†250	6.05	150	6.00	200	6.05
Cheng					200	1.08
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U.S. Acquiring Strategic Goods

Senator Townsend Urges Spending $500,000,000 From Stabilization Fund; Inflation Feared

Washington, Apr. 7.

FACED with one war in Europe, another in the Far East and the possibility of their further spread, the United States Congress prepared today to study the problem of building up and preserving America's supplies of strategic materials in the event hostilities should cut her off from the sources.

Senator John G. Townsend, Jr., veteran Republican of Delaware, proposed acquisition of vast amounts of strategic materials to be paid for with gold from the US$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund.

Senator Townsend introduced a resolution calling for the expenditure of US$500,000,000 out of the stabilization fund for the purchase of strategic materials to augment the growing stock piles already owned by the Federal Government. Senator Townsend, in introducing his resolution, declared that US$1,600,000,000 of the stabilization fund was "useless" and he therefore proposed that it be utilized to increase national self-sufficiency.

Inflation Feared

The Delaware Senator, who has demanded that the United States halt its purchase of foreign silver from China, Mexico and other foreign sellers, believes that accumulation of gold and silver stocks in the Federal Treasury will result in inflation and impair the national credit.

At the last session of Congress a resolution was passed authorizing the expenditure of US$100,000,000 over a ten-year period for the acquisition of strategic materials and large purchases are periodically being made under this programme. Manganese, coconut, fibre, tin and other materials from the Far East and Latin America have been purchased from abroad through the War Department. Senator Townsend's programme, however, contemplates a much vaster programme of purchases and would practically substitute strategic stock-piles for gold and silver stocks.

In introducing his resolution, Senator Townsend said, "The joint resolution which I have introduced has a twofold purpose: first, to acquire strategic and critical materials in which this country is not self sufficient and which the Army and Navy Munitions Board has recommended be acquired and, second, to make use of a small part of the surplus and idle gold this country now holds."

Solution of Gold Problem

The joint resolution calls for the appropriation out of the US$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund of the sum of US$500,000,000 to be spent during the next five years in buying such foreign strategic and critical materials as the Army and Navy Munitions Board may designate.

In view of the large gold inflow which this country has been experiencing, the expenditure of US$500,000,000 within five years or even immediately would not imply a complete solution of the pressing American gold problem. It would merely be a step in the direction of a solution.

During the first two months of 1940 alone more than US$500,000,000 have been paid to foreigners for gold. So long as the gold inflow continues at its present rate, the programme called for in the joint resolution would involve no net outflow of gold from this country but only, and to a very modest degree, a lessened inflow. If the current gold inflow for any reason should be stopped and reversed the U.S. stock of gold is so large that America could easily afford to build up stock piles of foreign produced strategic and critical materials several times as large as those envisaged in the joint resolution.

Present Funds of Gold

In 1929, this country held only about US$4,000,000,000 of gold. After revaluation in 1934, the American gold stock was valued at about US$7,000,000,000. Since revaluation, it has grown to more than US$18,000,000,000 and today the excess reserves of the member banks of the Federal Reserve system exceed US$5,700,000,000, a situation of great potential danger.

The wisdom of accumulating stock piles of foreign strategic and critical materials rather than gold in excess of any possible monetary need should be self evident. Foreign countries with a relatively much smaller stock of gold have recognized the wisdom of such a course. In 1938 the British Government introduced the essential Commodities Reserves Bill and proceeded to acquire such commodities as wheat, whale oil and sugar. Some 230 commodities were included within the scope of the act. The same year, Switzerland passed a law authorizing the Federal Council to prescribe inventories of stocks of indispensable commodities to purchase or increase such stocks and so forth. In 1938, Denmark authorized the use of about 25,000,000 kroner for the purchase of reserve supplies such as coal, oils, fertilizer, planes, motor car parts and so forth.

Dutch Willing to Sell Tin

Indicative of the possibilities of "swapping gold for valuable commodities" is an item published in the "Engineering and Mining Journal" for February, 1940, regarding the Dutch Government's willingness to sell tin, a strategic commodity of which America has to import her entire consumption. The "Engineering and Mining Journal" reported: "The presence in Washington of one of the official Netherlands delegates on the International Tin Committee has renewed official interest in the plans for procuring tin from the Dutch Government. It is believed that the Dutch would be happy to furnish any wanted quantity of that metal 'at a price below market.'"

Although no official negotiations appear to be underway, it is believed that the United States could buy this tin with gold and that the gold would not need to leave its burial place in Fort Knox, Ky. The Dutch want gold credits for machinery very much and would probably be willing to spend all of the money in the United States for such equipment.—United Press.

World Oil Outputs Reach Record

U.S. Leads With Soviets Second; Rumania Failing To Maintain Production

New York, Apr. 6.

An all-time high was reached in production of crude oil throughout the world during the month of December, 1939, according to the latest issue of the publication "World Petroleum," which uses mainly official figures for its compilations.

The December output of oil, the most crucial single item of modern wartime necessities, was placed at approximately 186,088,288 barrels as compared to 178,852,937 barrels in November and 168,236,618 barrels in December, 1938. Total world production for the year 1939 was put at 2,076,852,295, an increase of 5.5 per cent. over the output for 1938.

The United States led the world in 1939, producing 1,266,517,500 barrels or 60.9 per cent. of the world total. The 1939 output was 53,000,000 barrels higher than in 1938 but 12,000,000 barrels under the peak of 1937.

Soviets Come Second

The U.S.S.R., ranking second in world production, produced 216,727,000 barrels in 1939 as compared to 206,192,000 barrels the previous year. Venezuela was a close third with 205,956,000 barrels, an increase of 32,000,000 barrels for the year and only 11,000,000 barrels short of the Russian total.

Most notable gains during 1939 were made by Egypt and Saudi Arabia, which were negligible as oil producers less than two years ago. Egypt last year produced 4,415,000 barrels as compared to only 1,561,000 barrels in 1938. Saudi Arabia produced 3,855,000 barrels as contrasted to only 495,000 in 1938.

Rumania, one of the important oil-producing centres in relation to the war, fell behind again with only 45,996,000 barrels, the smallest total in many years. In 1938 Rumania produced 48,366,000.

An interesting figure was that given for Poland with 3,898,000 barrels for the entire year, with the peak output in December, the highest monthly total since May of 1939. Poland produced 3,828,000 barrels in 1938. Its peak was above 4,000,000 several years ago.

Germany, taken together with Austria, Slovakia and Moravia, produced 5,300,000 barrels, a new record, but less than ten per cent. of Germany's normal requirements.—Havas.

Tobacco Consumption In France Increases

Paris, Apr. 7.

The considerable increase in France's tobacco consumption since the outbreak of the war was reelected today in figures released by the authorities which revealed: tobacco sales in December 1939 totalled 606,464,690 francs, showing an increase of 35,364,115 francs over sales in December 1938.

Total production of the State's tobacco factories during the whole of 1939 was valued at 5,598,176,093 francs, an increase of 413,428,220 francs over the 1938 production.

Moreover, despite the war-caused increase in prices, tobacco sales at the beginning of this year point to still greater tobacco consumption this year. The increase is expected despite the fact that enormous tobacco deliveries are made to the troops at lower than normal prices.

While tobacco sales go up, sales of matches curiously enough have declined in France, where the automatic cigarette lighter is steadily gaining ground. The people of France spend 1,718,893 francs less on matches in 1939 than they did the preceding year.—Havas.

Brokers Loans By F.R.S.

New York, Apr. 7.

Loans on security to brokers in New York by the reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve system for the week ended April 3, totalled $481,000,000, showing a decrease of $98,000,000, compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Loans to brokers during the preceding week were given as $467,000,000, or $14,000,000 less than the amount recorded for the period under review.—Reuter.

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Apr. 8.

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Japan's Economic Structure Hit

Many Signs of Blows from China Hostilities Seen by American Observers

Washington, Apr. 4.

Japan's preoccupation in the China incident dominated Japanese economy in 1939 and there were indications that the Japanese economic structure had weakened, the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic commerce reported today.

The weakening of the Japanese economic structure was seen in the obvious signs of sharply-increased note circulation, a general inflationary trend, mounting commodity shortages, declining labour efficiency and a substantial increase in the national Japanese debt, the report added.

In order to cushion the impact of the European war, Japan had adopted measures to suppress speculation, regulate commodity prices and supervise shipping, the report continued.

While industrial production in 1939 showed a five per cent. gain over 1938, this was due largely to increased munitions production. Further production, however, was hampered by the shortage of electric power, coal, labour and supplies of basic raw materials.

Because of these factors, restrictions were placed on the production of goods for domestic consumption, the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce said.

The most favourable item in the Japanese economic position in 1939 was the agricultural situation since the prices of wheat, cotton and raw silk increased about 50 per cent. while the cost of the farmers' consumption items increased by only six per cent.

The rural areas, therefore, enjoyed prosperity, the report concluded.—United Press.

Wei Wah C.R. Committee Monthly Report

In accordance with the provisions of its regulations and rules, the supervisory committee of the Wei Wah Credit Reserve is charged with the duty of making regular monthly examination of the records and relevant documents showing the amount of the credit extended in wei wah by the Joint Reserve Board of the Shanghai Bankers Association to its member-banks and the classification and value of the assets deposited as collateral security. In a meeting duly assembled on March 20, the committee carried out the eighth monthly examination as mentioned above; and, after having examined all the records and relevant documents and certificates in a manner and to the extent which we considered appropriate, we beg hereby to report on the position of the credits extended for the month ended February 29, as follows:

	Appraised Value NC$
A. Assets deposited as security	
1. Principal Commodities	1,978,795.50
2. Stocks and Debentures	10,499,066.42
3. Real Estate	41,077,826.46
	53,555,688.38
B. Wei wah credit approved for issue	NC$
1. Amount Issued	21,239,500.00
2. Amount Issuable	12,499,000.00
	33,738,500.00

It is stipulated in Article 9 of the Regulations Governing the Extension of Wei Wah Credit that, the amount of the credit to be extended in wei wah by the Board to its member-banks shall not exceed 70 per cent. of the appraised value of the assets deposited as security. Based on such examination as we conducted, we are satisfied that the proportion between the amount of the wei wah credit approved for extension to any individual bank and the appraised value of the assets accepted from such individual bank as collateral security as on the above date does not exceed the ratio permitted by these Regulations, and that the value of the assets as appraised is substantially correct at this date.

U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Apr. 7.

The daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended March 30 totalled 3,841,000 barrels, according to the weekly report of the American Petroleum Institute of New York, which was issued today. This represents a decrease of 30,000 barrels from last week, but an increase of 483,000 barrels from the corresponding week of last year.

The daily average gross output for the week ended March 23 was placed at 3,871,000 barrels.—Reuter.

Abnormal Position Of Wheat in 1939

Trade was Struggling with Biggest Crop on Record

Most commodity markets were abnormal in 1939, but their leader, wheat, surely saw the most extraordinary changes in fortune. Down to the outbreak of war this trade was struggling with the disposal of the largest world crop on record, and enormous efforts were being made by the various committees appointed by the Wheat Advisory Board to find some artificial solution to the problem of unremunerative prices. Government accumulation of emergency stocks, especially on the part of Great Britain, helped towards the absorption of the abnormal supplies, but, nevertheless, when the end of the season came, statisticians generally agreed that there was twice as much wheat available for export as the world required, states "The Times."

War has always been a strengthening factor for wheat, and in accordance with tradition world prices rose sharply at the beginning of September. North American speculative markets, however, displayed their notorious facility for overdoing market movements, and reaction in prices was not long in coming, as it was realized that preparations for war conditions had been such that the British Government had no need to purchase largely on a rising market. Thus, although the war exerted its traditional influence, it was much less marked than had been expected owing not only to the previous emergency purchases, but also to the knowledge that ample supplies were available. Reaction in prices was, therefore, not long in coming, and natural market factors reasserted themselves. A further period of Government and other buying at relatively low rates, so far as the wheat itself was concerned, followed, but additional costs in the shape of higher freight rates and expensive war risk insurance naturally increased the cost of landing the wheat at the ports of destination.

Prices

Under war control conditions United Kingdom prices were quoted on a f.o.b. basis against the pre-war c.i.f. quotations, but even with this disparity 1939 closed with No. 1 Northern Manitoba parcels for shipment from Vancouver early in January at 30s. 9d. per 480lb. f.o.b., against 26s. 10½d. c.i.f. at the end of 1938. The extent of the recovery is accentuated by comparison with the latter part of July, 1939 when, with an oppressive carry-over in prospect, No. 1 Northern Manitoba from Vancouver dipped to nearly 22s. a quarter c.i.f. while the price on the eve of war was 25s. 6d.

Estimate of World Yield

As regards the outlook for wheat prices, the question arises whether the curtailment of the present supplies through the small Argentine yield and the bad start for next autumn's outturn made by the United States winter crop will be sufficient to sustain prices on the higher level attained. The world yield for the 1939-140 season remains large at about 670,000,000qr., although it is well below the high record of 1938-39 of around 750,000,000qr., when Russia is included with a yield of 187,000,000qr., according to the Rome Institute. Incomplete shipment returns and lack of knowledge of the extent of Government purchases make prospects uncertain, but the bias is undoubtedly towards the continuance of the higher range of values.

The sum of the year's experience shows some good fortune for both producer and consumer. The producer found himself at the close of the year with a fairly remunerative level of values.

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EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA			From MACASSAR		
India	29/2	6/5	Tjibadak	7/4	22/4
From TRIESTE			**From MANILA**		
Volpi	27/2	22/4	Pres. Cleveland	5/4	12/4
Carignano	25/2	22/4	Niel Maersk	8/4	14/4
From SOURABAYA			**From HONGKONG**		
Tjibadak	5/4	22/4	See "China Ports" below		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From SEATTLE		
G'trude Maersk	26/2	14/4	West Cuseta	18/3	16/4
Dona Aniceta	—	16/4	Crown City	30/3	21/4
Memphis City	—	20/4	**From HONOLULU**		
Titania	14/3	21/4	Tatuta Maru	1/4	21/4
Grete Maersk	11/3	26/4	**From YOKOHAMA**		
Sagoland	—	30/4	Gertrude Maersk	9/4	14/4
Hulda Maersk	22/3	6/5	**From KOBE**		
From PANAMA			Kasima Maru	8/4	10/4
Hulda Maersk	1/4	6/5	Kashima Maru	19/4	21/4
From LOS ANGELES			Taiyo Maru	3/5	5/5
Tatuta M.	25/3	21/4	**From NAGASAKI**		
Grete Maersk	1/4	26/4	Shanghai Maru	9/4	10/4
Pres. Coolidge	1/4	6/5			
From SAN FRANCISCO					
Tatuta M.	27/3	21/4			
Pres. Coolidge	5/4	23/4			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From MOMBASA		
Tegelberg	13/3	20/4	Tegelberg	31/3	20/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN			From HONGKONG		
Dairen Maru	9/4	11/4	Pres. Cleveland	9/4	12/4

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For LONDON		**For NEW YORK**	
Delagoa Maru	20/4	Dona Aniceta	19/4
Durban Maru	1/5	Titania	22/4
For LIVERPOOL		Peter Maersk	2/5
Haruna Maru	15/4	Kinai Maru	7/5
For TRIESTE		Gertrude Maersk	16/5
Volpi	23/4	**For San FRANCISCO**	
Carignano	23/4	Pres. Cleveland	12/4
For COLOMBO		Asama Maru	13/4
Tokiwa Maru	9/4	Tatuta Maru	29/4
For BOMBAY		**For SEATTLE**	
Taketoyo Maru	11/4	West Cuseta	20/4
Nagato Maru	14/4	Crown City	24/4
Anyo Maru	25/4	**For Buenos Aires**	
For CAPETOWN		Kanto Maru	26/4
Tegelberg	22/4	**For KOBE**	
For JAVA		Tango Maru	9/4
Tjinegara	11/4	Yasukuni Maru	14/4
Tjibadak	25/4	Kasima Maru	14/4
For HONGKONG		Hakone Maru	19/4
Tatuta Maru	22/4	Yasukuni Maru	22/4
For MANILA		Kashima Maru	22/4
Gertrude Maersk	15/4	Taiyo Maru	8/5
Pres. Coolidge	28/4	**For NAGASAKI**	
Nitta Maru	1/5	Nagasaki Maru	9/4
For NEW YORK		Shanghai Maru	12/4
Akagi Maru	14/4	**For DAIREN**	
N. Maersk	16/4	Tsingtao Maru	9/4
		Dairen Maru	12/4
		Tsingtao Maru	16/4
		Dairen Maru	19/4
		Hoten Maru	23/4
		Dairen Maru	26/4

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Indria	Wenchow	T.C.C.
Fooshing	Hsinkong	C.C.T.H.
Edith Moller	Wenchow	Moller
Seifuku Maru	—	O.S.K.
Hellenic City	Hongay	Y.K.K.
Sinsei Maru	—	Showa S.S.
Sinyo Maru	Borneo	Showa S.S.
Foch	Japan	Daido
Emp. of Russia	Japan	Can. Pacific
Kaiping	Chinwangtao	K.M.A.
Tsingtao Maru	Dairen	D.K.K.
Nagasaki Maru	Japan	T.K.K.
Kiangnan	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Whatung	T'lungkong	Quen Kee
Remo	Sungmen	V. Chieri
Kaidah Maru	—	T.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Taiko Maru 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Tachi Maru	River Ports	T.K.K.
Hungyun	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Tawha	T'lungkong	Quen Kee
Gunda	Japan	Daido
Kanre Maru	—	N.Y.K.
Talien	Tsungming	Wan Woo

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Jun Maru	Jap.	K.U.K.
Fouling Maru	Jap.	T.K.K.
Nantung Maru	Jap.	T.K.K.
Kojun Maru	Jap.	Showa S.S.
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Asama Maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Kiku Maru	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hsingya Maru	Jap.	T.K.K.
Monte Piana	Ital.	L. Triestino
Hokki Maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
Akebono Maru	Jap.	T.K.K.
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Apoey	Nor.	John Manners
Hellenic Trader	Gre.	Chi. Hellenic
Effingham	Am.	A.P.L.
Koa Maru 2	Jap.	Showa S.S.
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SYDNEY MARU ..... May 31
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SUMATRA MARU ..... May 11
LONDON MARU ..... May 26
For Culcutta
BORNEO MARU ..... Apr. 24
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"Lost" Car Turns Up in Garage

Claim Against British Firm; New Car Bought When "Lost" Car Found

An Austrian German subject, during the hearing of a claim against a British firm in H.M. Supreme Court yesterday, told Judge P. Grant Jones how his car, which he believed had been stolen in Hungjao Road on December 30 last year, was seen by a friend of his standing in a British garage on the day that he had bought a new car one and a half months' later. The plaintiff was Dr. Arthur Peretz and the defendants were Fraser Motors Ltd.

Represented by Dr. A. Grossmann, Dr. Peretz claimed $2,300, representing the value of one second hand Morris Cowley car which, he said, was held by the defendants, and damages suffered on account of such detention during two months on the grounds that, having found the car on Hungjao Road on December 31, they had failed to notify the plaintiff and had held the car from that date until now—without any legal ground, although they had due knowledge of the fact that the car was plaintiff's property. He also claimed the insured value of the car, U.S.$100.

Dr. Peretz, a physician, told the Court that on December 30 he went to Hungjao Gardens in his car with a friend Mrs. Gregg. After staying in the gardens for about half an hour, he came outside and tried to start his car without success. Later Mrs. Gregg telephoned to Fraser Motors, Ltd., from the London Club in Warren Road asking them to pick up plaintiff and herself and the car.

Later Mrs. Hutchinson, proprietor of the club, telephoned and was told that an employee of Fraser Motors had been to the club and to Hungjao Road but had found no trace of himself, Mrs. Gregg or the car. When a second man arrived they went to Hungjao Gardens but could not find the car. The loss of the car was then reported to officials at Bubbling Well Police station.

Car Insured

Asked if his car was insured, Dr. Peretz stated that he insured the vehicle on November 15, although he had not sent the application form into the American Asiatic Underwriters until after the loss of the car. The insurance company, however, recognized the car as having been insured from November 15. He notified the company of the loss on December 31.

On or about February 15 witness purchased a car from a Russian for $1,950 and on the same day Mrs. Gregg, not knowing this, went to Fraser Motors to view some cars with a view to purchasing one. He met Mrs. Gregg, who was very excited, outside Fraser Motors and she told him that she had seen his car there.

The police informed Mrs. Gregg, Dr. Peretz continued, that Fraser Motors had not notified them of the finding of the car. Later, in the presence of the police, Mr. Fraser stated that his Russian employee had notified the police and that he admitted negligence on his part. To this witness replied that he would have to make good the damage he had done which, witness pointed out, would include U.S. $100 and expenses during one and a half months.

A "Fool and Thief"

Cross-examined by Mr. Ranald McDonald for the defence, Dr. Peretz said the insurance company had antedated the policy as a mark of friendship. He admitted that Mrs. Gregg had been offensive to Mr. Fraser. Mr. McDonald then read a copy of a letter which he had written to Dr. Grossmann in which the car was described as belonging to Mrs. Gregg as she had described it as her own over the telephone. The letter also stated that she had called Mr. Fraser a "fool and a thief."

Mr. McDonald then stated the plaintiff had recently come to Shanghai in a more or less penniless condition and it appeared that he had come into some money. Mr. Fraser had not replied to his letters, Mr. McDonald stated, as he felt that it was an "outrageous and bare-faced try-on" and he still thought the same way. The hearing was adjourned until Thursday.

Crime in Settlement Shows Slight Decline

No less than 401 crimes were reported to the S.M.P. during the week ending April 6, and this is a decrease of 43 cases over the previous week. During the same period, 557 arrests were effected as compared with 618 for the week ending March 30.

In all, 29 armed robberies were reported and 49 suspects arrested in connection with these cases of these no less than eleven were indentified. The 204 larcenies reported show a decrease of 47 over the previous week, while 28 burglaries, 28 cases of snatching, 23 cases of pocketpicking, seven cases of gambling and sixteen opium offences were also dealt with.

No less than 170 persons suspected of larceny were arrested and of these 56 were identified, while 54 burglars, 25 snatchers, eighteen pickpockets, 83 gamblers and 62 opium offenders were arrested during the same period.

Possession Case Dismissed

A civil suit filed against A. Bennington by the Foncière et Immobilière de Chine in the United States Consular Court on January 27 was dismissed by Commissioner N. E. Lurton yesterday upon the motion of the plaintiff's attorney, Mr. C. S. Franklin. The defendant was alleged to have been in possession without right of Apartment 39, Bearn Apartments, the monthly rent of the apartment being U.S.$33. In moving that the claim be dismissed at plaintiff's costs Mr. Franklin said that the defendant had surrendered the apartment and moved away.

Child Falls Into Well, Drowns

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KOREAN apples. Now arrived first-grade larger ones, from Chinnampo and are offered to our old patrons, only at $12.50 per case. Peninsular Trading Company, 705 Liza Building, telephone 18350 or 1007 Avenue Joffre, telephone 31649. -5875

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SHIRTS made to measure. Superior "double-thread" broadcloth $15.50, "Tootal" $24. "Clydella" Wool $35. Razon's, Central Road. 11723

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BOOKS, magazines, 10 years anniversary 10 days clearance sale. Best books from $1. Novels, magazines, 40 cents. 5,000 books, 2,300 magazines reduced 20-60 per cent. Popular Bookstore, 215 Szechuen Road. -5652

CUTLERY, silver and silver plated; dinner- coffee- tea- and fruit sets, attractive crystalware, porcelain figures, etc., everything reflecting excellent European craftsmanship. Bargain prices. General Magazine, 337 Avenue Haig. -5764

PERSIAN rug, one piece only, first quality, old. Box 3074, NCDN. -5810

GORGEOUS crystalware and porcelain, figures and groups, modern and antique *objets d'art*, including several specimens fit for museums, bronzes, dinner—, coffee— and tea sets of mark, exquisite, reasonably-priced small gifts, beautiful Empire-style furniture with genuine bronze trimmings in our lately-opened remarkable show premises, reputed as a genuine find-spot for collectors and connoisseurs. Witkowsky and Company, Antique and Modern Arts, 20 Muirhead Road (corner Broadway). Open on Sundays until 1 p.m. -5609

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CRYSTAL, porcelain and sundries. Stock constantly replenished. Shop 726 East Seward Road. -5089

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ELECTROLYTIC depilatory apparatus, eight needle. Also used Schick Shaver, 220-volt, cheap. Call 35111 noon Sundays, evening weekdays. -5706

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DENTAL office and laboratory, fully modernly equipped, south room suitable as well for residential quarter and also one big south room fully-furnished, in first-class apartment, Bubbling Well Road, with all modern conveniences, for sale or to rent. Offers to Box 2910, NCDN. 11780

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Lost

LOST. Promissory-note in favour of Mr. Strauss, issued by Mr. Awrutzky, for $700, due on May 1. The above is declared null and void. -5908

Motor Cars and Cycles

CHEVROLET 1935, special de-luxe. Beautiful condition and appearance. Owner-driven. Quick sale, US$500 or nearest. (No dealers). Telephone 72472, 9-2 p.m. -5971

FOR SALE, cars, completely overhauled: Plymouth 1934 sedan, Balilla coach, Opel 1932 coach, Opel 1932 sedan, Opel 1936 coach. Pacific Motors, 863 Avenue Foch, telephone 74500. -5955

1935 Pontiac sedan, paint, tyres, engine, best possible condition. Bargain US$350. Owner leaving. Box 3140, NCDN. -5924

WANTED used cars, any condition, make and model. Cash for right cars. Box 3141, NCDN. -5925

1934 Chevrolet sedan, in good mechanical condition throughout. US$375 or best offer. Address Box 3142, NCDN. -5926

1938 Baby Fiat, in good condition, for sale. Address Box 3155, NCDN. -5950

1937 Plymouth coupe, completely overhauled, best condition. Selling for US$690. No dealers. Box 3165, NCDN. -5962

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1934 "Continental" four-cylinder, floating engine, perfect condition, sedan US$150. No bargaining. Telephone 38446, tiffin time. -5922

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FOR SALE, 1937 Ford V8, four-door sedan, 60 h.p., first-class condition. Five new tyres. U.S.$675. Telephone 15633 or write Box 3106, NCDN. -5867

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WORKING lady wishes to rent unfurnished/furnished, one/two-roomed apartment, kitchen, bath. Address Box 3148, NCDN. -5939

WANTED, to take over fully-furnished and well-equipped flat from party going leave, for several months. Any guarantee required will be given. Recommendations available. Reply Box 3160, NCDN. -5958

WANTED one room apartment with bath and kitchenette, furnished or unfurnished. State rent and situation. Reply Box 3178, NCDN. -5932

THREE-ROOMED unfurnished apartment, central location. No key-money. Box 3145, NCDN. -5932

WANTED, house or apartment, by responsible party. Willing pay key-money and take over furniture. Telephone 78499. -5853

YOUNG English couple want to rent one or two-roomed apartment (furnished), with bath and kitchen. Reasonable rent. Telephone 76992. -5788

FOREIGN couple wish rent small furnished house/flat for few months. Willing take on servants. Reply stating rent to Box 2971, NCDN. 11810

WANTED, apartment by responsible couple, willing to take furniture over or pay key-money. Telephone 79023. -5481

WANTED by May 1, by Dutch couple, furnished two-roomed flat, private bath. Telephone 10818. -5833

ASTRID/King Albert apartment preferred. Briton wants rent four rooms, willing pay key-money, buy furniture. Box 3018, NCDN. -5697

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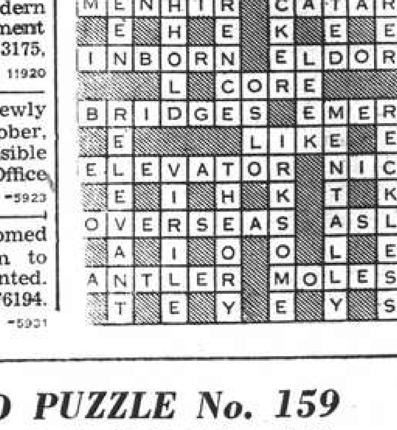

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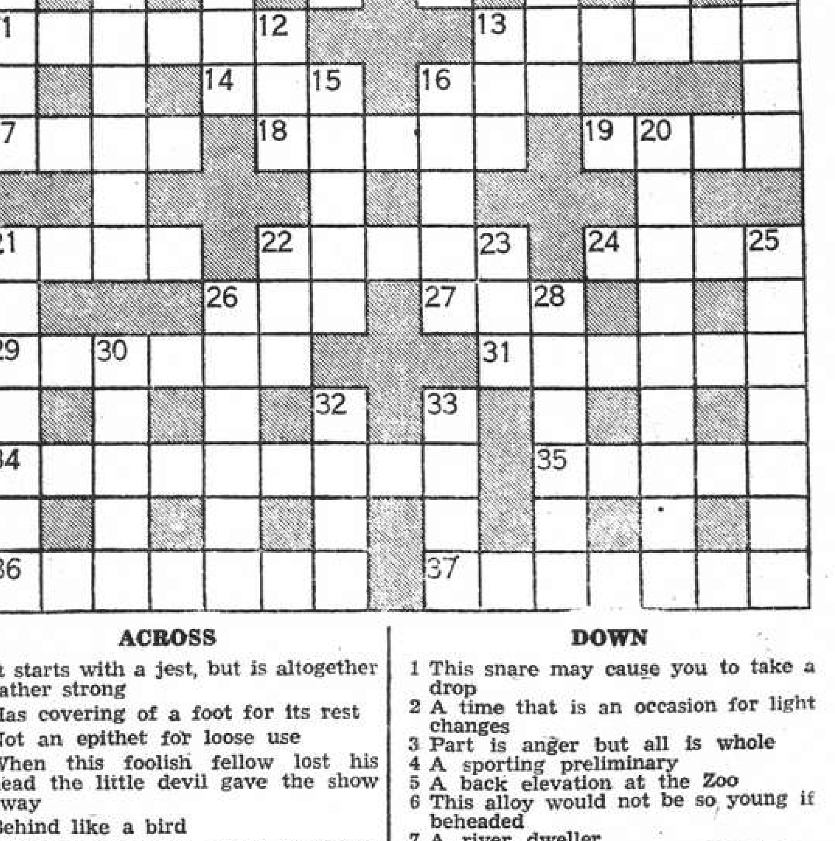

ACROSS

1 It starts with a jest, but is altogether rather strong
5 Has covering of a foot for its rest
9 Not an epithet for loose use
10 When this foolish fellow lost his head the little devil gave the show away
11 Behind like a bird
13 Given nourishment about 14 across, but held in awe
14 An opening beneath a temple
16 Tree
17 This is apt to be terribly cut up at feeding time
18 Four in 22 down make a good turn
19 Surface contamination
21 They seldom do this to ale nowadays
22 This officer is a sailor
24 This bard may get a knife inside
26 A little thing
27 May turn for a root
29 A rich find
31 Penetrate
34 A skilled boat-maker perhaps
35 Change the brute
36 A sort of ruler
37 Male name

DOWN

1 This snare may cause you to take a drop
2 A time that is an occasion for light changes
3 Part is anger but all is whole
4 A sporting preliminary
5 A back elevation at the Zoo
6 This alloy would not be so young if beheaded
7 A river dweller
8 What France once was and Belgium is
12 An after-dinner game
13 In good shape
15 A plate-holder
16 A number
20 His death caused quite a stir in flying circles (two words)
21 A singular aid to vision
22 Vessel
23 One of the lesser barks
25 "The bear" (anag.)
26 Folly was his asset
28 In this one appears to have changed sides
30 A meeting of the hands, perhaps
32 An Oriental who appears in the mirage
33 An obstruction on the line